

For the Love of Herefords

TERRI LICKING

May is beef month in Nebraska. It is the number one segment, of the number one industry (agriculture), that drives the economy of this great state. A group of beef lovers of the Hereford breed have kicked off their new organization this May, in hopes it will culminate into a Nebraska Hereford Museum in the Nebraska Sandhills.

The group began four years ago with Richard ‘Dick’ Brown, assistant clerk of the Nebraska legislature. Growing up in the Taylor area, his family raised Herefords. He showed Herefords and still has ties to the ranch.

Brown approached Linda Teahon of Chadron, whose parents, Donal and Pauline Clouse of Purdum, raised and sold bulls in conjunction with Spencer Herefords of Brewster for many years. Teahon is a past Nebraska Junior Hereford Queen.

Terri Licking grew up on the Jim and Bonnie Sturtz ranch north of Stapleton. She says she was her parents’ hired man, and they raised purebred and commercial Herefords.

Brown readily admits he contacted the right two ladies with his dream.

They were instrumental in recruiting other past and present breeders –

Gerri Monahan of the Monahan Hereford ranch of Hyannis, better known by their brand, the Circle Dot.

“My grandfather always said one could never put the brand on upside down.”

Ken Stephens and his wife Marilyn still raise and sell Herefords on their KEG Hereford ranch located north of Valentine. Dale Spencer, Brewster, still ranches on the Spencer Hereford Ranch and sells bulls by private treaty. Newest to Nebraska, but not to the Hereford breed, Dixie Hoffman, Thedford, who with her husband Dennis, and son Jason and wife, KayCee, raise and sell Herefords at two sales every year. They have a female sale in the fall and a bull sale in February. Their sale barn overflows with buyers every sale.

This group organized their first Hereford Crossroads Reception (HC) at the Thomas County Fairgrounds in Thedford in 2015. They had close to 120 in attendance that first year. One of the attendees deemed it a great “Hereford Family Reunion.”

Alliance was the site of the second reception, the third at Brown’s childhood home, Taylor, and in 2018 the Hereford Crossroads Reception will be held at the Hooker County Community Center located on the fairgrounds west of Mullen.

The date is October 13.

The number one goal of these core members of Hereford enthusiasts is to have a museum. The Sandhills Heritage Museum of Dunning, where Teahon calls home most of the time after her retirement from the *Chadron Record* newspaper, is allowing a display area dedicated to the breed that really was the foundation for making Nebraska – “The Beef State.” Contact Teahon at 308-430-0786 or email her at superioraster16@hotmail.com to set up a time to see not only the Herefords and their info on display, but also the history of the Blaine County area.

The group now has an official name – Nebraskans for Hereford Heritage. At the Sandhills Cattle Association convention held Thursday, May 24, they began selling lifetime memberships for this most worthy cause. Their mission statement is “To preserve Nebraska’s Hereford Heritage for future generations.”

“We are losing so much of the Hereford history, but it is also amazing how much Hereford history we are collecting through old bull sale catalogs, Nebraska and American Hereford Journals, and old photos,” Teahon said. “At the first Hereford Crossroads reception we started a Nebraska Hereford Hall of Fame and



TERRI LICKING PHOTO

Linda Teahon shows some of the Hereford collectibles she has acquired since growing up on her family’s ranch, Clouse Hereford Ranch at Purdum. She is credited with being one of the main drivers for the newly formed Nebraskans for Hereford Heritage.

began inducting prominent breeders and bulls every year.”

The Hall of Fame now includes six gentlemen and three bulls. There will be more inducted in October.

“Younger generations need to know about this great breed with the white face that drove the Nebraska beef industry for years,” Teahon said.

If you agree with this group of dedicated Hereford breeders, past and present, please become a founding patron.

“We will sell the found-

ing patron memberships until the Nebraska Hereford Association meeting in November, or until the 250 membership cards are sold,” Brown said.

The founding patrons will be prominently displayed in 2019 at the Sandhills Heritage Museum in Dunning, and then have a place of honor in their own Nebraska Hereford Museum. They will also be recognized at this year’s Hereford Crossroads reception at Mullen on October 13, where if not already sold, one will still be able to

purchase a lifetime founding patron membership.

Tickets for the Hereford Crossroads Reception #4 at Mullen are \$25.00. Details about activities will be forthcoming. One check for \$75.00 will cover you reservation to the reception and your founding patron membership. A check for \$50.00 will pay for a membership.

Checks may be made out to Hereford Crossroads and mailed to Dixie Hoffman, P.O. Box 192, Thedford, NE 69166.

Thomas County Election Results

The May 15 Primary Election in Nebraska saw a statewide turnout below 25 percent based on preliminary totals.

Thomas County had a 44% voter turnout. With a total number of 496 registered voters, 157 voted at the polls and 59 through early voting.

Blaine and Arthur counties experienced turnouts of better than 70 percent. Five counties, Douglas, Scotts Bluff, Nance, Thurston and Dakota, had voter turnout in the teens. In terms of voter breakdown by percentages

from the primary: 23 percent of counties had above 50 percent voter turnout, 24 percent of counties had above 40 percent turnout and 52 percent of counties had better than 30 percent voter turnout.

Statewide turnout fell below 25 percent based on preliminary totals.

Complete Thomas County election results:

Senate
Jack Heidel (R).....12
Dennis Frank
Macek (R).....5
Deb Fischer (R).....114
Jeffrey Lynn Stein (R).....9

Todd F. Watson (R).....42

Jane Raybould (D)8
Frank B. Svoboda (D)1
Larry Marvin (D).....0

Chris Janicek (D)1

Jim Schultz (L)1

Representative In Congress District 3
Kirk Penner (R)45
Larry Lee Scott
Bolinger (R).....6
Adrian Smith (R).....120
Arron Kowalski (R)9

Paul Theobald (D)10

State Ticket Governor
Krystal Gabel (R).....38
Pete Ricketts (R)144

Vanessa Gayle
Ward (D).....3
Tyler A. Davis (D)2
Bob Krist (D)5

Secretary of State
Bob Evnen (R).....90
Debra Perrell (R)53
Spencer Danner (D)9

State Treasurer
John Murante (R)85
Taylor Royal (R)68

Attorney General
Doug Peterson (R)146

Evangelos
Argyarakis (D)8

State Auditor
Charlie Janssen (R)134

Jane Skinner (D)10

County Ticket County Attorney
Kurt Dam
Arganbright (R)ADV

County Commissioners (At Large)
John Seeley (R)162

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Milleson receives purple at Regional Speech Contest



COURTESY PHOTO

Shaylee Milleson, 9, from Blaine County recently competed at the 4-H Regional Speech Contest on UNL’s East Campus. Shaylee earned the right to compete at regionals after receiving a purple ribbon at the local 4-H contest in April.

Shaylee’s speech was entitled “Try Something New” and was about showing her horse at the fair. Shaylee received a purple ribbon at the Regional Contest.

Beef Producers Salute, Sandhills Hall Of Fame Inductees Featured Inside This Issue

Fatality accident

North Platte man killed on U.S. Highway 83



LOGAN COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE PHOTO

Stapleton Fire & Rescue, Logan County Sheriff’s office, and the Nebraska State Patrol were called to an accident north of Stapleton on U.S. Highway 83. A North Platte man was pronounced dead at the scene.

Stapleton Fire & Rescue and the Logan County Sheriff’s office responded to an accident call 14 miles north of Stapleton, near mile marker 126 on U.S. Highway 83, at approximately 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 24.

A northbound 1996 Mercury Grand Marquis car went left of center and struck a southbound semi

truck and trailer nearly head-on. The car side-swiped the semi, driven by Daniel Ray Brinkley of Oklahoma.

Marvin Jensen, 76, of North Platte, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Highway 83 was closed down until approximately 4:00 p.m. due to the fatality while the Nebraska

State Patrol reconstructed the accident.

Stapleton Fire & Rescue and Logan County Sheriff, Sean Carson, and Logan County Deputy, Dalen Wood, assisted with traffic control.

Some damage was reported to the semi and trailer and it was towed. The car was a total loss.