

Hereford Crossroads Reception Set For October 13 In Mullen



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Golden Real 72, a herd sire of the Hardy Brothers, is already an inductee into the Nebraska Hereford Hall of Fame. More inductees will be declared Saturday, Oct. 13 at Hereford Crossroads Reception #4 at the Hooker Co. fairgrounds, west of Mullen.

Hereford Crossroads #4 will take place Saturday, October 13, at the Hooker County Community Center located at the fairgrounds west of Mullen on Nebraska Highway 2 – the Sandhills Journey Scenic Byway.

Time is running out to reserve your spot for an evening of food, fun and friendships, old and new.

The cost is \$25.00 per person and includes a meal of Certified Hereford Beef. The common denominator of the event is the love for beef in general and admiration for the Hereford breed. Past breeders and organizations have been contacted to set up their ranch or organization memorabilia for all to enjoy a trip down

memory lane. The evening will also include induction into the Nebraska Hereford Hall of Fame that includes prominent Hereford producers and a herd sire whose progeny has given much to the enhancement of the breed.

“Nebraska’s nickname is ‘The Beef State’ because of the foundation of Herefords on so many Nebraska ranches for over 50 years.

“So much of the history that was from the early days of raising Herefords in Nebraska is being lost. The Nebraskans for Hereford Heritage group is collecting history, storing it, and hopefully in a few years will be able to dis-

play it in their own Nebraska Hereford Museum,” said Linda Teahon of Dunning.

Teahon is the daughter of the late Donal and Pauline Clouse of Purdum who raised and sold Hereford bulls for 20 years in conjunction with Spencer Herefords of Brewster.

Doors will open for registration at 5:00 p.m. MT. Social hour will run from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. MT and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. MT. The program will follow at 7:00 p.m. MT. Tickets may be purchased in advance by sending \$25.00 per person to Hereford Crossroads, #4, c/o Dixie Hoffman, P.O. Box 192,

Thedford, NE 69166. Checks should be made to Hereford Crossroads.

Please RSVP to Hoffman by October 5. Payment may be made at the door, but it is imperative you RSVP for this event. The cash bar and food will be provided by Chuckwagon ‘n Jug, Gregg and Dawn Mallory of Mullen.

Lodging is available at the Sandhills Motel in Mullen by calling 308-546-2206 – Mitch and Patty Glidden, owners; or the Double R Guest Ranch, north of Mullen, Pat Bridges, owner, at 308-546-2314. Come early and enjoy a tanking trip by booking a trip at Sandhills Motel. Details are being worked out for other fun events to make it worth your while to come and enjoy an extra day or two of Sandhills hospitality before or after the Hereford Crossroads Reception #4.

Farm/Ranch Transition When You Aren’t in Control

A rancher once said, “No one has the right to automatically inherit a family farm or ranch... but everyone has the right to know what is going on.”

Passing the farm/ranch on to the next generation is a tough job, especially if the next generation is unsure of what will happen when their parents pass. Because it is especially hard for those people who are wondering what is going on, a series of farm and ranch transition workshops are planned at Valentine, Ainsworth, O’Neill, Norfolk and York from Oct. 23 to Nov. 14.

The workshops will focus on the needs of the “sandwich generation” on whom farm/ranch transition and transfer often falls. This generation is between parents who still own the land and children who might want to join the operation.

Lack of communication often hinders transitions. The Gen2, or Sandwich Generation, will learn how to communicate with family to understand the transition and practice asking difficult questions. A handbook and script will help farmers/ranchers to complete transition “homework.”

Legal topics presented at the workshops will center around Gen2 needs, including elements of a good business entity, levels of layers for on-farm heirs control and access, and turning agreements into effective written leases. Joe Hawbaker, estate planning attorney, and Allan Vyhnalek, Nebraska Extension transition specialist, will share stories and experiences to successfully plan on the legal side.

Transition of the land is important, but farmers and ranchers should also work to transition the business. Dave Goeller, financial and transition specialist, will cover financial considerations, retirement, and compensation versus contribution.

Many families struggle to split assets fairly between on-ranch and off-ranch heirs, while continuing the ranch as a business. Goeller will discuss the family side and what to consider when dividing assets. Vyhnalek will also cover less-than-ideal situations, negotiating, and looking for other business options.

Below are workshop dates and locations. The times are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. local time at each location. Pre-register one week prior for a meal count.

Oct. 23 - Valentine, contact Jay Jenkins, 402-376-1850, jjenkins2@unl.edu.

Oct. 24 - Ainsworth, contact Jace Stott or Chandra Murray, 402-387-2213, js-tott3@unl.edu.

Oct. 25 - O’Neill, contact Amy Timmerman, 402-336-2760, atimmerman2@unl.edu.

Nov. 13 - Norfolk, contact Allan Vyhnalek, 402-472-1771, avyhnalek@unl.edu.

Nov. 14 - York, contact Jenny Rees, 402-362-5508, jenny.rees@unl.edu.

Cost is \$20 per person. If more than two people are attending per operation, the cost is \$15/person. Pre-register one week prior for a meal count to the local extension office.

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Homecoming & Parent’s Night October 18

The 2018 Sandhills-Thedford Knight Homecoming, which was scheduled for Thursday, September 20, was cancelled due to injuries on the Wallace football team.

The date has been changed to Thursday, October 18, when the Knights host Medicine Valley in Thedford. Watch upcoming issues for more details.

Thedford Area Church Potluck To Recognize Local Fire & EMS

The Thedford all-area church potluck and gathering with a special recognition to the Fire Department and EMS will be Saturday, October 6, south of the Thomas County Courthouse.

Lunch will begin at noon with the special thank you program to the Fire Department and EMS beginning at 1:00 p.m. Hamburgers will be provided, but please bring your own buns.

Table service and drinks will be provided. Different churches are providing different items for the meal. Check with your church to see what to bring or contact Linda Kuenle at 645-7336.

There will be yard games, but please consider bringing yard games, if you have them.

The band “This Side of Sunday” will be performing all afternoon.

NSDAR To Celebrate 80 Years

The regular meeting of Sandhills Chapter NSDAR was held at Red’s Café in Mullen on September 9, 2018.

On October 11, the Chapter will celebrate 80 years of existence. A celebration is being held in Ashby. The State Regent and local Chapter Regents as well as former members of the Chapter will be invited to join the celebration in the afternoon.

Constitution Week is September 17-23 and posters will be put up in

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School Based Business Started At THS



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Mean Machine Design and Fabrication is a school based business operated by the CNC design class seniors.

Students will learn business and metal / wood manufacturing skills through this class. They will also learn computer skills using the CAD software.

On the CNC plasma cutter and router they can create custom signs and machine parts.

If you are interested in ordering from Mean Machine you may contact the shop during school hours (8:00 - 3:30) at (308) 646-2614 extension 119. You can also email Bridger Chytka at bridger.chytka@thedfordschools.org.

Pictured above are two THS students working with the Mean Machine Design and Fabrication equipment.

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