

Area youth come together to raise funds

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Area Thedford youth came together to raise money for a great cause. On Friday, August 12, when entering Thedford on Highway 2, youth lined the highway encouraging drivers to stop in at their lemonade stand. The youngsters had an array of fundraisers at their stand including lemonade, treats, sweet corn, hand-painted greeting cards, antlers, tricks, jokes, popsicle stick airplanes, and raffle tickets. A free will donation was being accepted. The raffle tickets were for two Bar None caps and a hand-made butcher-block made by Roy Licking. There was something for everyone at this stand, and the youngsters were working hard to serve and assist everyone in line.

Michelle Nutter McIntosh was diagnosed with Esophageal Cancer and all proceeds are to help with treatments, travel, and other expenses. Own-

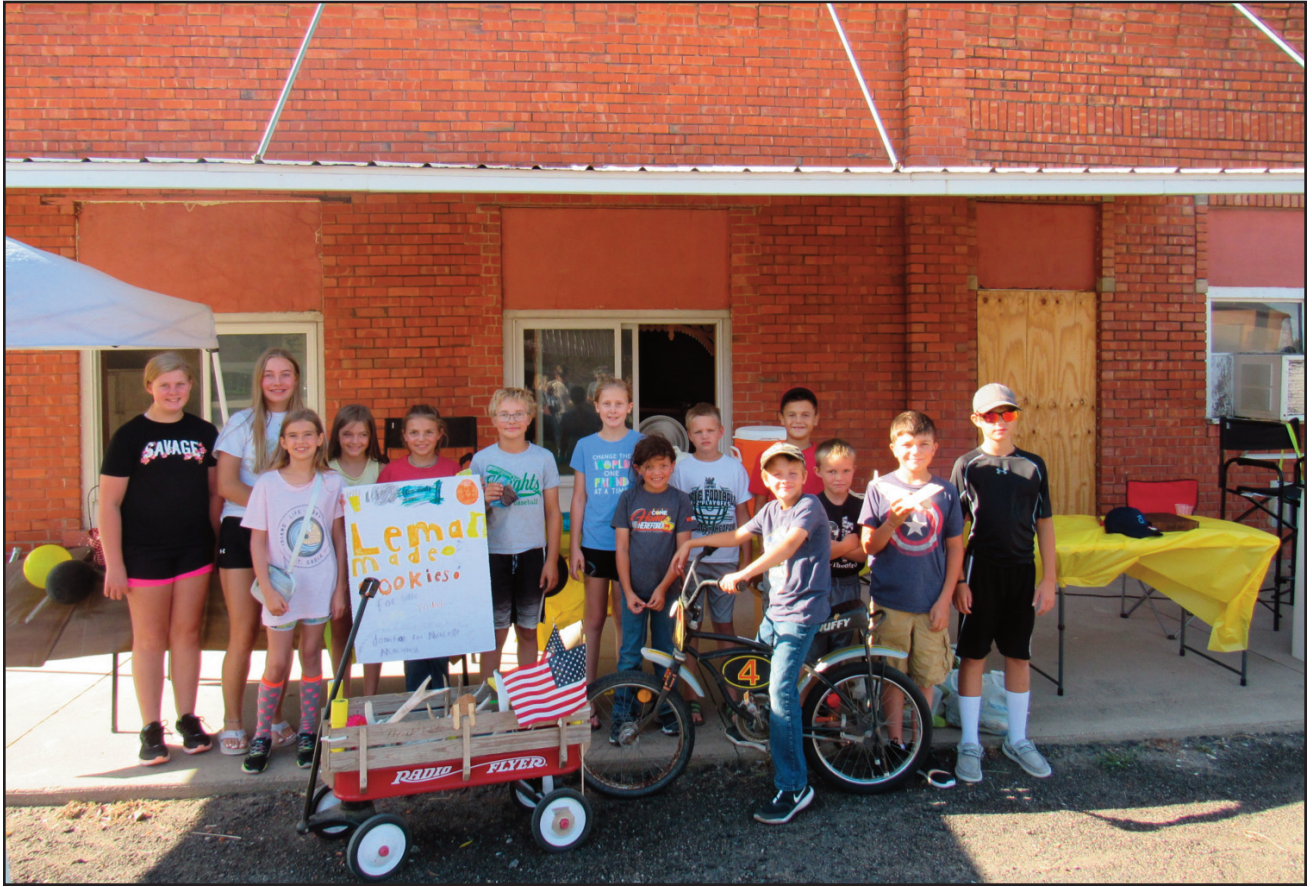
ing the hair salon, Michelle is a big part of the community. The youth and community came together to help out someone in need. Downtown Thedford was buzzing with people coming to support and donate to the lemonade stand.

The youth raised an astounding \$3,000 thanks to the generosity of the local residents.

Michelle is currently undergoing chemotherapy and radiation as well as immunotherapy. During her treatment Michelle will most likely be unable to work. Michelle is a life-long resident of Thedford and a staple in the community.

Donations can be made through a GoFundMe account set up in her name online. An account has also been set up locally at Security First in Thedford. You can mail donations there at PO Box 288, Thedford NE 69166.

The funds will be a great help for Michelle and her family, Brent, Drew and Lindsey during this difficult time.



Local youth helping raise money for the Michelle Nutter McIntosh family are pictured above taking a break from their many money raising activities, l-r: Chandler Pettit, Katen Licking, Miriam Scott, Hope McIntosh, Kennedy Hoffman, Grady Licking, Emerson Pettit, Hayden Hoffman, Hudson Werner, Heston Licking, Bronc Reiser, Noah Werner, Haxton Hoffman and Luke McIntosh.



Pictured above making items to sell are, l-r: Haxton Hoffman and Katen Licking.

Ray To Be Inducted Into CSC Hall Of Fame

Nine former Chadron State College athletes have been selected for induction into the Eagles' Athletic Hall of Fame this fall. The inductions will be on Saturday, October 15 following the football game against Adams State.

The honorees include five seniors from the 2004 football team, track and field All-Americans Joel Duffield and Jacqueline Wells Hobbs, basketball standout Bec Kyba Ray and breakaway roper Jennifer Nelson Gale. Six of them are Nebraska natives and five of them are living in the state. Two others reside in Wyoming and another in her native state of South Dakota.

Originally from British Columbia, Ray was one of Chadron State's top female basketball players in recent years. She had a particularly outstanding senior season in 2005-06 when she led the Eagles in practically every category, averaging 15.4 points and 5.4 rebounds. She shot 39 percent from the field and 82.4 percent from the free throw line.

She was the team leader not only in scoring, but also in 3-point shooting,



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assists, blocks and steals. Her "big game" was a 36-point output against Metro State for the third highest total in CSC history. Ray sank 13 of 19 shots from the field, including seven of 12 from 3-point range, and made all three of her free throws in that game, and also had seven rebounds and seven assists. The 36 points were the most for a player in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference that season. She was named to both the RMAC East and Nebraska NCAA Division II Player of the Week following the game. Coach Tom Andersen called her "one of the best

all-around players in the conference."

She also started for the Eagles as a junior in 2004-05, when she averaged 7.1 points and 4.4 rebounds.

She was a 2002 graduate of Abbotsford Christian High, where she was a five-year starter and averaged 24 points a game as a senior. She was named to the Class AA all-provincial team and was one of 25 players selected for the all-class provincial all-star game her senior year. She then played two years at Western Wyoming College at Rock Springs, and as a sophomore there, she shot 53 percent (166-311) from the field and 70 percent (53-71) from the free throw line while averaging 14 points and 5.6 rebounds and received Region IX all-star honors.

Bec also was an excellent student while majoring in psychology, and graduated Cum Laude from CSC in December of 2006.

Bec now lives on a ranch near Thedford with her husband and daughters. She was the girls basketball coach at Mullen and

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Annual PAC In The Pasture Held



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The Nebraska Cattlemen held their 4th annual PAC in the Pasture on August 9. Funds from the Nebraska Cattlemen State Political Action Committee (PAC) support the elected officials who support the cattle industry.

"The Nebraska Cattlemen State PAC helps ensure interests of beef producers are enhanced in Nebraska. The aim of the Nebraska Cattlemen State PAC is to support candidates who champion the beef industry by making decisions about laws and regulations that enhance the business climate for profitable beef production in Nebraska and foster opportunities for expansion. We will always be judicious with our contributions to support the strongest candidates regardless of party." (nebrascacattlemen.org/policy/political-action-committee/)

Hosts for this year's PAC in the Pasture were John and Julie Kraye, Mullen. Kraye is vice-chair of the Seedstock Council of the NC and ranches south of Mullen. The Krayes raise black Angus and hold an annual bull sale every spring.

Chuckwagon 'n Jug owners, Gregg and Dawn Malory, Mullen, provided the cash bar. Their restaurant is on the Nebraska Beef passport. Highway 2 Bar-B-Q, Dave Vest, Mullen

provided steaks, with help from CR Jewel.

BJ Jamison provided entertainment with his voice, his guitar, and his feet keeping rhythm on the drum. Jamison and his family call Ashby home. He graduated earlier this year from Hyanis High School and he is part of the Twin River Band. BJ has branched out doing solo gigs when asked. He hopes to make it to Nashville later this year.

Jacey Schafer, Director of Government Affairs, gave a legislative recap of the 107th session of the Nebraska Unicameral. The NC followed some 38 bills of the several hundred introduced closely.

NC President Brenda Masek, Purdum, welcomed the fifty plus people in attendance. Masek had scheduled a NC board meeting earlier that day at the community center on the Hooker County Fairgrounds, Mullen. Several board members and staff stayed to enjoy the evening festivities. She commented that the PAC is supporting Dr. Jim Pillen, DVM for Nebraska Governor.

"As a hog producer from Columbus, he knows agriculture. He grew up knowing agriculture and

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Pictured above is l-r: Nebraska Cattlemen President Brenda Masek, entertainer BJ Jamison, and Nebraska Cattlemen Board member, John Ecklund from Atkinson, who gave the blessing.