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**(Neb.)-Cattlemen's Ball Seeks Donations, Volunteers For Summer Event**



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(BANNER COUNTY)—The 2014 Cattlemen’s Ball of Nebraska has set a goal of raising a record \$2.5 million for the June 6th-7th event at the Hoot Owl Ranch near Harrisburg, Neb.

Host families for the 2014 Cattlemen’s Ball will be Kenny and Misty Stauffer along with the ranch owners Jeff and Kathy May. Jeff Heldt and Monty Stoddard are serving as co-chairs for this year’s ball. The theme for the event is “Corral a Cure for Cancer.”

Heldt says he says the event coordinators are seeking donations, sponsorships and auction items in an effort to help make the \$2.5 million goal a reality. He encouraged people to visit <http://cattlemensball.com> for more details on the event and sponsorship opportunities. “In order to reach this ambitious goal, it will take support from all corners of Nebraska,” he says. “Every community can make a difference.”

Heldt said organizers are also in need of 600 volunteers for the event. Those interested in assisting can sign up on the Website or by email at [cattlemensballne2014@gmail.com](mailto:cattlemensballne2014@gmail.com).

The Cattlemen’s Ball of Nebraska has been held annually since 1998 at a different ranch each year to increase cancer awareness and raise money for cancer research. The event also promotes beef in a healthy diet and showcases rural Nebraska.

Each year, 90 percent of the proceeds go toward cancer research at the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center with the remaining 10 percent earmarked toward regional medical

organizations.

The event is open to the public and will include both silent and live auctions, a style show, golf tournament and art show. Additional events will be a Saturday night dinner, followed by a concert featuring musical artists Montgomery Gentry. A dance, featuring the 5 to Life Band, will follow the concert and round out the day's activities.

A Trail Boss ticket for both days of the event is \$350. This includes the Trail Boss social on Friday night, private champagne reception and Trail Boss lunch on Saturday, plus preferred seating for the Saturday evening dinner and Montgomery Gentry concert, along with special recognition during the program.

A \$75 Top Hand ticket provides admission for all events after 11 a.m. on Saturday. It includes dinner, the Montgomery Gentry concert, and the dance.

Tickets are now on sale at <http://cattlemensball.com> or by calling 308-235-2289.

*The Cattlemen's Ball of Nebraska, Inc. is established to promote beef in a healthy diet, to showcase rural Nebraska and to raise money for health care research. For more information, visit <http://cattlemensball.com>.*

*The Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center is a National Cancer Institute (NCI) designated cancer center -- a distinction held by only 68 centers in the country. It is the only NCI-designated center in the state of Nebraska. The Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center is also one of the 13 founding members of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN), an alliance of the world's leading cancer centers. This recognition means the most current and innovative treatment options are available to cancer center patients through the integration of cutting-edge research into state-of-the-art care. Cancer center physicians and scientists work together to quickly translate discoveries made in the laboratory into innovative treatments for the patient. Learn more about the facility at <http://cattlemensball.com/fred-pamela-buffett-cancer-center>.*

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