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A huge success, the annual Cattlemen's Ball took place at the Hanging H Ranch between Paxton and Sutherland the weekend of June 7-8.

Hosted by ranch owner Neal Hansen and Ralph and Beverly Holzfaster of Paxton, the event drew in the neighborhood of 4,000 people who enjoyed food, dancing, art, wine tasting, auctions, demonstrations, and entertainment.

Proceeds from the ball go toward cancer research. The theme of the event was "On the Trail to a Cure."

Harchelroad Motors of Imperial donated a 60th anniversary Grand Sport Corvette valued at \$75,000. Char Wallin of Imperial won the Corvette in a \$500 per ticket (max 1,000 tickets) drawing the evening of June 8.

A Ford F150 King Ranch Supercrew 4x4 pickup went to Derek Koenig of Washington, D.C. Tickets (max 1,000) for the pickup donated by Woodhouse Auto family were \$100 each.

Many, many items were auctioned at both a live and silent auction during the weekend.

The Cattlemen's Ball of Nebraska, Inc. was established to promote beef in a healthy diet, to showcase rural Nebraska and to raise money for health care research to benefit the University of Nebraska Medical Center/Eppley Cancer Center and local health care.

Hosted annually since 1998, locations have included: Ainsworth, Lexington, Arthur, Valentine, Valparaiso, Ashland, Brady, Wisner, Milford, Lodgepole, Albion, Doniphan, Kearney, West Point and McCool Junction.