

Cancer fundraiser expected to sell out well before the event.

Even though the 2013 Cattlemen's Ball is more than 60 days away, tickets are going fast. In fact, about 1,000 of the 4,000 available tickets have already been sold—and the pace is picking up.

As in the past, Cattlemen's Ball officials expect to sell out well in advance of the event.

The 2013 Cattlemen's Ball will take place June 7th and 8th on the Hanging H Ranch on U.S. Highway 30 east of Paxton, Nebraska. This year's event is co-hosted by the Ralph and Beverly Holzfaster family and the Neal Hansen family.

The Cattlemen's Ball is the state's premier fundraiser for the fight against cancer, with 100% of the dollars raised staying in Nebraska.

This year's theme is "On the Trail to a Cure."

Top Hand tickets are \$75 each and include all events beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, including entertainment, auctions, fashion show, prime rib dinner, concert performance by country music legends Lone Star and a post-concert dance.

Trail Boss tickets are \$350 per person and include a Friday night reception, auction, and dance as well as a Saturday champagne brunch, Saturday luncheon and other special activities.

Tickets in each category are limited and available on a first-served basis.

"You don't have to be a cowboy or dress up to attend the Cattlemen's Ball," said Tim Holzfaster of Paxton. "Everyone has been touched by cancer in some way—and that's why everyone is invited to attend and help us raise funds for cancer research."

The Cattlemen's Ball is hosted by a different Nebraska ranch or feedlot every year. Its mission is to raise money for cancer research at the UNMC Eppley Cancer Center, while showcasing rural Nebraska and promoting beef as part of a healthy diet. Since its inception, the Cattlemen's Ball has raised more than \$6.3 million. In addition to providing funds to the Eppley Cancer Center, a portion of the funds is also targeted for local healthcare organizations.

For information and to purchase tickets online, visit www.cattlemensball.com. Tickets may also be purchased at Adams Bank & Trust in Ogallala, Nebraska, or by calling 308-284-7883.