

Community joins together to support local woman

By Terri Licking

One of the online definitions of community is a “feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests and goals.”

A community of approximately 500 people came together over a four-hour period Sunday, February 26, with an attitude expressed by many wearing gray T-shirts designed by Janelle Jennings, Seneca, of 4J Designs. “Friends Do Not Let Friends Fight Alone,” tells it all and the goal was to show support for one of Thedford’s own, Michelle Nutter McIntosh and her family as she battles cancer.

Michelle is a 1996 graduate of Thedford High School. Both of her parents, Mark and Marian Nutter, are Thedford High School graduates in 1970 and 1971, respectively. Michelle went to cosmetology school and worked in Broken Bow for a few years before marrying another Thedford High School graduate, Brent McIntosh. The couple has two children, Drew, who graduated in 2022, and daughter Lindsey, an 8th grader at Thedford. Her

grandmother, Wanda Nutter was a beautician who worked alongside for a time and her mother-in-law, Shirley McIntosh is also a beautician.

Michelle owns Country Salon with Shirley working there a couple days a week. Michelle made many a head look good over the years with her special touch and she added nail care. One could catch up on the latest news at her shop.

Michelle has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Esophageal Cancer. She was able to send her son off to college as planned and then the battle of her life began. Her mother, Marian, a retired nurse has been accompanying her to appointments and treatments. Brent goes when he is able and he works for Cherry County Road Department. Dad, Mark and her in-laws, Lloyd and Shirley, all help keep Lindsey from not missing a beat with school activities. When not able to attend Lindsey’s activities in person, they stream her games.

Michelle’s sister, Tricia Buell set up a GoFundMe page on Facebook as soon

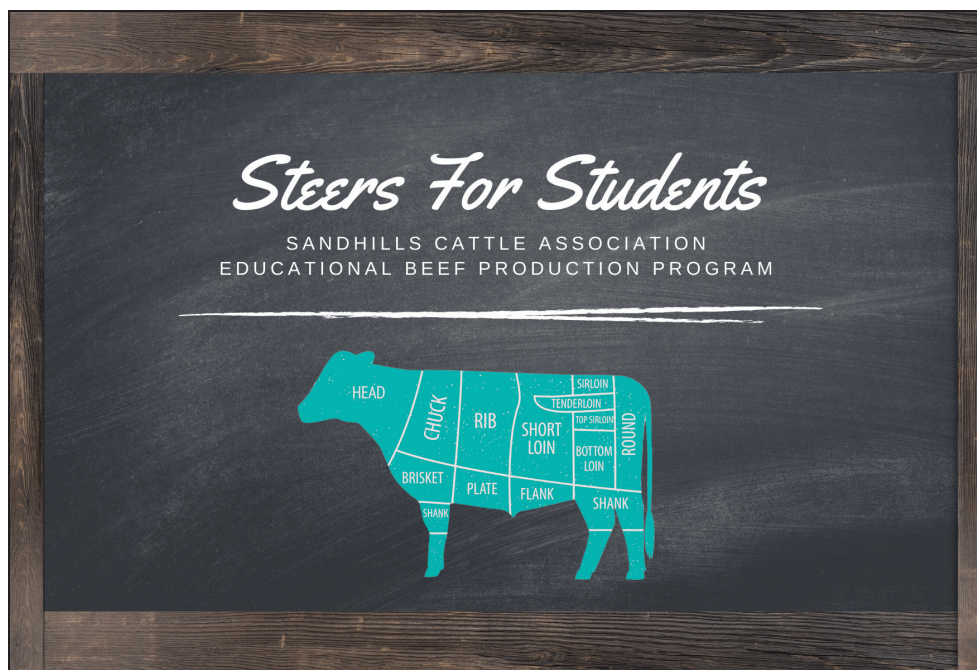
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The McIntosh family was overwhelmed with the kindness they have been shown throughout Michelle’s struggle with cancer. She is pictured above with her husband and children, l-r: Drew, Michelle, Brent and Lindsey McIntosh.

Steers For Students Program Tour



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Our 'Steers for Students' program is off again for a second year! This program is directed to the youth of the Sandhills for nutritious lunches & education about how beef gets from the pasture to your plate! The donated calves will be penned with the other calves during the Educational, Performance, and Carcass Contest. The ranchers that donated will still receive the calf's data during and after the contest. However, when the animals are finished, the 'Steers for Students' program calves will be sent to Husker Meats LLC of Ainsworth, Nebraska, instead of being shipped to the larger plants like the other cattle. Jim Pinney of Husker Meats, Nicolas Herrera with UNL, and other industry professionals will offer local students and producers a chance to learn about carcass evaluation while experiencing how a packing plant operates. Schools of the steer donor's choice will receive the beef for

their school lunch programs at little to no cost.

This year we have six steers donated to our program. Halls & Sons, Herb & Lori Hall donated two steers, with the beef going to Sandhills Public Schools & Thedford Public Schools. HI/Cattle Company, Logan & Jennifer Hill donated one steer, with the beef going to Stapleton Public Schools. Lackaff Cattle Co., Richard Lackaff, donated one steer, with the beef going to Rock County Public Schools. Walking X Ranch, Craig & Katie O’Kief donated one steer, with the beef going to Valentine Public Schools. And lastly, Atkinson Livestock, Wes Kilmurry, donated one steer with the beef going to West Holt Public Schools. We are so grateful to these generous producers that will put Sandhills-raised beef in school lunches!

We will hold two programs this year in order to get as many students as we can involved! We will have a 'Steers for Students

Tour' on April 17th, 2023, allowing all invited students to come to Husker Meats, LLC for the day and learn about how the processing plant operates & practice carcass evaluation! Then, at the end of June/July, when the calves are finished, we will have our Steers for Students Program for the ranchers that donated animals & others who want to join! After this program, the beef will be delivered to the schools just in time for the fall semester!

If you wish to donate to the 'Steers for Students' program, the Association accepts cash donations to cover feed and processing to ensure the beef will be free to the participating schools. You can even choose which school you'd like to 'sponsor' in this program! Please contact the SCA Office at 402-376-2310, email sca@sandhillscattle.com, or head over to our website at <https://www.sandhillscattle.com/steers-4-students>.

Thedford Service Club Gearing Up For 2023



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Thedford Service Club officers for 2023 pictured above are l-r: Terri Licking, secretary; Shannon Ahlstrom, vice-president; Kelsey Jameson, treasurer; and Cay Ewoldt, president.

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The Thedford Service Club recently met and elected new officers at their February meeting. Cay Ewoldt is the new president and is easily accessible by stopping in at Ewoldt’s Grocery. Cay is open to any new ideas that will help our community as are the other officers, Shannon Ahlstrom, vice-president; Kelsey Jameson, newly elected treasurer; and Terri Licking, re-elected secretary.

Dues are \$100.00 which helps cover the cost of events and used to help purchase new Christmas lights.

The annual Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday, April 8, at 2:00 p.m. on the courthouse square. The annual hunt is organized by the Thedford High School FCCLA group. Youth to age 12 are welcome. If you would like to help with the cost of the hunt you may leave donations in the Thedford

Service Club account at Ewoldt’s Grocery.

Thomas County Fair plans are being made and the Service Club will again sponsor the parade and award prizes to winners. Submit an idea for a fair theme by Monday, April 3, by 5:00 p.m. A box is located at Ewoldt’s Grocery to submit your fair theme idea or put other suggestions in that you would like to see the Service Club sponsor.

Thedford Service Club works closely with the Thomas County Ag Society to put on a successful fair every year.

The fair will be held Thursday, July 27 to Sunday, July 30 and there will be many 4-H events occurring before these dates. Some of the activities already confirmed are the pedal tractor pullers will be coming on Friday; Rocket Sports Axe Throwing, mud volleyball, youth fishing tournament, softball tournament, and shooting sports trailer. Be watching for more events

and activities as fair approaches.

Dues of \$100.00 or any donation, may be sent to Thedford Service Club, P.O. Box 58, Thedford, NE 69166, or go to Security First Bank and leave a donation on account. Meetings are generally the first Monday of every month with a “dutch treat” supper at the Sandhills Corral at 6:00 p.m. and meeting to follow. New members will receive their first meal paid for by the Service Club.

The next meeting is Monday, April 3, and the organization will decide on the theme for fair. If your organization has a fair activity you may give it to Alice Hodges.

Thedford Service Club encourages you to get involved in the community by joining service club and all volunteers willing to do a little ‘sweat equity’ are greatly appreciated, especially during fair. Working together we make Thedford and our area a better place.