

This year's event June 7-8 in Paxton-Sutherland area

Organizers of the 2013 Cattlemen's Ball have announced that country music superstars Lonestar will be the featured performers during this year's event, scheduled for June 7-8 at the Hanging H Ranch between Paxton and Sutherland.

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

The 2013 Cattlemen's Ball is being held on the Hanging H Ranch on U.S. Highway 30 between Paxton and Sutherland and is being co-hosted by the Ralph and Beverly Holzfaster family and the Neal Hansen family.

Celebrating their 20th anniversary and reuniting with original lead singer Richie McDonald, Lonestar is known for merging their country roots with strong melodies and rich vocals. Lonestar has amassed RIAA-certified sales in excess of 10 million album units since their national launch in 1995 and achieved 10 #1 country hits including "No News," "Come Crying To Me" and their crossover smash "Amazed" (which was also #1 on the Billboard Hot 100, the first record since 1983's "Islands in the Stream" to top both charts).

The band's awards include a 1999 ACM Single of The Year for "Amazed" (the song also won the Song of the Year award) and the 2001 CMA Vocal Group of the Year.

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.