

Hereford Cross Roads held in Chadron

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Nebraskans for Hereford Heritage, Inc. held its annual Hereford Crossroads reception and dinner in the Chicoine Atrium of the Sandoz Center on the Chadron State College campus in Chadron, Nebraska the evening of October 7th.

This event is held to honor bulls and producers that had an impact on the Hereford cattle industry of Nebraska throughout the years.

After touring the historic Sandoz Center, guests enjoyed a wonderfully prepared beef dinner by Peggy Fox of Ardmore, South Dakota.

This year inducted into its Herd Bull Hall of Fame was the bull Domino Lad C. He was purchased from the TO Ranch in Raton, New Mexico by Virg Kennedy of Harrison and the Buffington Hereford Ranch of Crawford for \$38,000 soon after the Great Depression.

He was never turned out to pasture breed cows. Cows were brought

to him to allow his service on the largest possible number of females. Therefore, he lived to the ripe old age of 18 years. After Domino Lads death, Virg Kennedy had the bull placed in a piano box and buried in the yard.

Also inducted into the HC Hall of Fame was the Chadron Hereford Show which started in 1930 and lasted through 1954. It was a huge event bringing together local and out of area Hereford breeders. It was often quoted in the late 1940's that there were more purebred Hereford herds within a 100-mile radius of Chadron, Nebraska than any other ranching community in America.

Crawford and Chadron businesses provided many great and useful door prizes for the attendees.

The event brought together former Hereford breeders as well as current breeders for an evening of fun and reminiscing.

Next fall Hereford Crossroads #10 will be held in Thedford where the event began.



COURTESY

Board of Directors pictured above, l-r: Ken Stephens of Valentine; Terri Licking of Thedford; Linda Teahon of Dunning; Dixie Hoffman of Thedford; and Lawrence Turner of Valentine. Richard Brown of Lincoln, chairman of the board, not pictured.



The metal sculpture of Golden Design 14 graced the Atrium. This was the second time the bull has been displayed at the Sandoz Center.



JD Smith of Crawford told the story of Domino Lad C. His father worked for Virg Kennedy 42 years and took special care of the bull.



Con Marshall of Chadron researched the Chadron Hereford Show for the event and told stories about the show, that he remembered as a youth.

Sod House Dedication In Broken Bow



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For many years a well-kept white barn and corrals sat on the west side of Broken Bow, Nebraska. Hereford cattle were in the corrals and grazed the pastures on the property. The place was owned by O K Luther.

In 2007 the barn was moved across town to the east side, and after some renovation, it soon became known as The Red Barn. Dedicated to the Sandhills Journey National Scenic Byway as its information center. The SJNSB is 272 miles of Highway 2 from Alliance to Grand Island, Nebraska.

After four years of planning a sod house was built to the south of The Red Barn. Over 40 volunteers worked on the project. Sod was turned on the west side of the barn property after several wonderful rains came this past spring. Construction took about four months from start to finish by the volunteers.

A ribbon cutting and dedication took place on October 5th. Around 150 people were in attendance. A pie baking contest was also held that day. Twenty-nine pies were entered.

In memory of O K Luther and his Herefords, the metal sculpture of the bull Golden Design 14

traveled to Broken Bow. This bull is part of the Hereford Crossroads exhibit at The Sandhills Heritage Museum in

Dunning.

The Red Barn and now the sod house is a destination point for many travelers to central Nebraska.



Jennings is #1 breakaway roper in Great Plains region

The Mid-Plains Community College Rodeo Team has the No. 1 breakaway roper in the Great Plains Region.

Now that the dust has cleared and the last gate has closed on the fall rodeos, it's Whitney Jennings, of Seneca, who has come out on top in the regional standings. Jennings ends her run with 285 points, which she collected during a win at the MPCC Stampede in September and third and sixth place finishes in Wisconsin and Iowa.

Jennings isn't the only one to make the regional leaderboard for Mid-Plains. Bareback rider Jackson Lunn, of Whitecourt, Alberta, is sitting second in his event.

MPCC cowboys also occupy almost half of the steer wrestling standings. Rex Day, of Bartlett, is second on the list. Cinch Painter, of Springview, came in fifth, Tucker Even, of Burke, S. D., is sixth, Koby Jacobson, of Haiku, Hawaii, is 13th, Eli Higa, of Honoka'a, Hawaii, is 14th and Kahiwa Augustiro, of Ho'olehua, Hawaii, is 15th.

D.C. Cathcart, of Carpenter, Wyo., spurred his way to fourth place on the bull riding leaderboard. Jacobson and Higa are right behind him in fifth and sixth place, respectively. Augustiro is tied for 10th with Jett Sjeklocha, of North

Platte. Casey Reis, of Grand Island, is 12th, Elias Garcia, of Dalton, is 14th and Danny Perdew, of Eaton, Colo., is 15th.

Matt Miller, of Callaway, is holding onto third in the tie-down roping. Jace Richter, of Ogallala, is following in sixth place, and Day is ninth.

MPCC is represented by Jaxton Starr, of North Platte, who is third in the team roping heeler category. Augustiro is following at fifth, Ty Growcock, of Ericson, is seventh and Sage Dieter, of Alma, is 12th.

Higa threw his loop around fifth place in the team roping header division. Layton Lindner, of Broken Bow, is seventh and Clay Meyer, of Loomis, is 12th.

Mid-Plains is ranked third overall in the men's team standings and is tied for fifth in the women's team standings with North Dakota State University.

"What a great start to the season," said Aukai Kaai, MPCC Rodeo Team roughstock coach. "Having so many student athletes ranked at the top is very exciting. I think we are in a very good spot headed into the spring season and look for more of them to push into the top three."

The 2023-24 season will resume in the spring for members of the Great Plains Region.