

Locals Attend Heart City Bull Bash



Miss Rodeo Nebraska, Eva Oliver, welcomes all to the Heart City Bull Bash in Valentine.

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The 18th annual Heart City Bull Bash was held Saturday, February 9, in Valentine. This is considered the city's annual "Main" event. Sixteen bull producers displayed their livestock on three

blocks of downtown Valentine, along with 16 commercial displays. Bulls came from South Dakota, Minnesota and Nebraska.

Shane Keller, chairman of the Bull Bash committee said, "Thanks to the relatively cooperative weather, the 18th annual Heart City Bull Bash was

well attended and made for an enjoyable day. A huge THANKS to the exhibitors and sponsors who make this community event possible."

For the first time a livestock judging contest was held that morning at the Valentine Livestock Auction yards. Over 80 participants attended from

two colleges, five junior colleges and three high schools. Winners were announced later in the day. Winning high school team was Valentine, taking home champion Jr. College was Casper, and college honors went to the University of Wyoming. Keller commented it looks like this will be something to continue in the future.

Another event held near the sale barn, was the indoor craft show. Downtown stores welcomed visitors with special events. A quilt show, an art show hosted by the Sand Painters Art Club, 5K run/walk with the bulls, wine tasting and the always popular 4-H Luck of the Draw were just a few of the opportunities to be enjoyed.

Beef producers, and local business persons connected with agriculture, make up the 13-member Bull Bash committee.

Special guests at this year's Bulls Bash were Miss Rodeo Nebraska, Eva Oliver of Merriman and Nebraska Hereford Queen, Hannah Pearson of Thedford.



Nebraska Hereford Queen, Hannah Pearson of Thedford, had a wonderful time meeting bull producers and visitors in Valentine.



Pictured above, l-r: Miss Rodeo Nebraska, Eva Oliver with Denny Hoffman of 1/5 Hereford Ranch at the 18th annual Heart City Bull Bash in Valentine. Shane Keller, Bull Bash committee chairman, is also pictured.

2019 Bull Bash People's Choice Quilt Show

Pauline Ravenscroft Honored



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Carolyn Wicket, left, holds the winning quilt - Pauline Ravenscroft's "Americana." Shirley Shuman holds the second place quilt, Brenda Hofeldt's, "Finally Finished." Jenny and Carol Luther (right) hold the third place quilt, Mary Lou Kerr's, "Cowboy Christmas."

The Bull Bash People's Choice Quilt Show was held February 9, 2019 along with all the wonderful festivities that made Bull Bash such a huge success. We had 144+ people voting for their favorite quilts at Nelson's Furniture on Main Street from the 57 quilts that were on display. Many others viewed the quilts and did not wish to vote. Pauline Ravenscroft won first place with her Americana

quilt; Brenda Hofeldt won second place with her Finally Finished Jenny quilt; and third place went to Mary Lou Kerr with her Cowboy Christmas quilt. Twenty-four quilts were on display from Pauline Ravenscroft who was being honored for 27 years of community service and quilting workmanship. The Bull Bash Committee donated Chamber Bucks for the first, second and third

prizes. Please consider bringing your quilt next year. The show is open to everyone and we would love to display any antique to modern quilts that community members have made. Thank you to all those who helped make the quilt show such a successful and enjoyable event and thanks to Nelson's furniture for such a wonderful environment in which to show the quilts.

Mike Sitz Angus Ranch Holds 46th Annual Bull Sale



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Mike and Debra Sitz and Joel and Bethany Johnston held their 46th Annual Bull Sale on Monday, February 4, 2019, at the Burwell Livestock Market, Burwell, Nebraska. It was a bitter cold day, but sunny, and the roads were free of snow and ice. Seventy-four head of moderate framed, maternal bulls averaged \$5,500 with 85% of the bulls selling to repeat customers.

The high selling bull was Lot 26, MSAR Emblazon 4079 - 7023, selling to repeat customer, Hauserman Ranch, North Platte, NE for \$10,500. This thick, long-bodied bull is from MSAR Emblazon 2092-4079 and a MSAR Foghorn 6696 daughter with Pathfinder status. He had a Wean Ratio of 105 and a Yearling Ratio of 111, with a 85-pound

birth weight. The bull's EPD's were +7 for CED, +1.7 Birth, +48 for Wean, +86 for Yearling, + 7 for CEM and +27 for Milk.

Hauserman Ranch went on to purchase Lot 10, MSAR Game Day 4042 - 7036, the second high selling bull for \$10,000. He had a + 7 CED, and + 1.0 Birth, a +48 Wean, a +80 Yearling, + 8 CEM, +25 Milk, with a 86 pound birth weight. He had a Wean Ratio of 111 and a Yearling Ratio of 104. This bull was from MSAR Game Day 4042, and from an L T Bandwagon 3105 daughter, also with Pathfinder status.

Schreiber Ranch, Woodrow, CO, another repeat customer, purchased Lot 71, an unregistered MSAR Game Day 4042 son, for \$9,250. This

deep bodied, eye-appealing bull had a Wean Ratio of 111 and a Yearling Ratio of 113.

Repeat customers, Art and Meredith Brownlee, of JHL Ranch, Ashby, NE, purchased Lot 40, MSAR Chinnook 7055, and the fourth high selling bull for \$9,000. His sire is MSAR Chinnook 4049 and his dam is from the Dora cow line, her being an MSAR Right Time 7757 daughter. This bull is a heifer bull deluxe with a CED of +14, a Birth EPD of -1.0, a Wean EPD of + 39, a Yearling EPD of +67, a CEM of +12 and Milk at +24. He had a 70-pound birth weight and had a Wean Ratio of 105 and a Yearling Ratio of 102.

Mike Baxter, Ainsworth, was the auctioneer.

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The Sandhills-Thedford Junior-Senior Prom is right around the corner. Prom will be held on Saturday, March 30 at the NE National Forest in Halsey. The Junior classes will be decorating for the prom on Friday, March 29. Watch upcoming issues of the Herald for more information about Prom 2019 and a complete schedule. All students and their dates are encouraged to have fun and stay safe that evening.