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Benefit Draws Bull Riders From Several States

By Janet Larreau

The Arnold arena saw a lot of action last Saturday, as chutes flew open with 33 bull riders competing for cash and prizes in the Tyler Long Benefit Bull Riding Event. Riders came from Nebraska, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Wyoming, Colorado, and South Dakota.

Quincy McDonald from Ava, Missouri, was the winner and the high point rider with an 87 score, winning the belt buckle donated by Same 24 Fitness of Arnold, and a custom gun donated by Craig Leth of Leth's Gun Care from Merna.

Wyatt Calvert from Camdenton, Missouri, and Anthony Lyons from Oklahoma tied for 2nd with a score of 80. A coin toss was made to determine the winner, and Calvert won the toss. He received money and a custom belt donated by Ashlee Davis of Flying B Leather Creations. Lyons was 3rd.

One of the highlights of the event was entertainment by Shawn Stutzman, the “Coors Man in the Can. Stutzman is Nebraska's only PRCA Rodeo Clown, and has been named rodeo clown of the year 27 times in five different rodeo associations.

“Overall, I think attendance was pretty good,” said Kerri Kemp, one of the event organizers. “It was 65 degrees and a bit breezy, but people still showed up. I really think more



Photo/Kerri Kemp

Bull fighters Zach Call from Mullen, Ross Miller from Winner, South Dakota, and Kyle Magee from Torrington, Wyoming, protect rider Brady Painter from Long Pine, Nebraska, at the Tyler Long Benefit Bull Riding event held Saturday at the Arnold Arena. At age 16, Painter was the youngest rider in the event.

could of came, as I kept hearing for the past month from locals or how this is something Arnold needs and wants. The ones who really wanted to see some good action showed up to watch. To

get 33 bull riders from several states to an event like this, or even a bull riding itself, is a big deal. That's a lot of riders, and they could enter twice if they wanted to. Some did just that.

But the sponsors and sponsorships is what really helped us. Everyone who volunteered their time and help into this was a big key part of making this bull riding. Without any of

that, it wouldn't be possible.”

Proceeds from the event went to Arnold resident Tyler Long, who was injured in a bull riding event last July.

Ribbon cutting, ceremonies set for October 11

The Arnold Economic Development Corporation and the community will celebrate Arnold businesses at a ribbon cutting and ceremonies this Thursday, October 11.

Lt. Governor Foley and Senator Matt Williams will be on hand to take tours and hear about expansions and new business. Other representatives will be here from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development and the Governor's Office. Representatives from the AEDC, Village, and Chamber will join them at a Meet and Greet to start out the morning.

The public is invited to join in from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., as the representatives tour businesses.

The schedule follows:

10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.: (Business expansion). Visit and tour newly purchased building of MJK CPA, owned by Missy Kramer.

10:25 to 10:45 a.m.: (Business expansion). Cloudfire Services, 109 S Walnut. Adam and Melani Wronch have added inventory.

10:50 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.: Ribbon cutting at Arnold's newest business, Grazers Bar & Grill, 208 W Arnold Ave., owned by Anne Vettel and Jesse Halstead.

Community makes vital contribution to patient care

ARNOLD, Nebraska (Oct. 4, 2019) — Giving blood is a selfless act. The hour it takes to give the gift of life can mean a lifetime to a patient with a serious medical need. At the Arnold Community Blood Drive on Sept. 23, 2019, there were 28 people who donated blood, each making a significant impact on the lives of others.

Rich Linegar celebrated his 4th gallon donation at this blood drive.

Every day, patients throughout our community and across the country rely on volunteer blood donors when receiving



Royalty crowned on Friday night

Connor Rosfeld and Kalie Glendy from Callaway (left) and Grant Jones and Kenna Rogers from Arnold (right) stand together after being crowned Homecoming royalty for their respective schools after last Friday night's South Loup vs. Elm Creek football game at the Arnold field.

The coronation and dance that followed ended a week of fun for the South Loup Bobcats, as they participated in the traditional dress up days and cheered on the teams at Wednesday night's pep rally at Callaway's community center. The pep rally and bonfire was originally scheduled at Hidden Valley Campgrounds, but was moved indoors due to cold and rainy weather.

Arnold woman receives Freedom Award at Platte Institute Legislative Summit

By Janet Larreau

LINCOLN — Karen Hough of Arnold and Dawn Hatcher of Columbus were awarded the 2019 Connie Brown Freedom Award at the Platte Institute's Annual Legislative Summit held last Friday in Lincoln.

Each year at the opening of the Summit, staff recognizes a Nebraskan who has taken action to remove barriers to growth and opportunity in Nebraska by honoring them with this award.

Program topics at the Summit included the first year of Nebraska's new job licensing review law. Both Hough and Hatcher played an important role in the implementation of the new law; in fact, if it were not for these two women, it might never have been considered.

For Hough, the battle began in 2012, after she received a “cease and desist” order from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to stop performing massage therapy on horses. The therapy was regarded as the “unlicensed practices of veterinary medicine,” a felony that could be

punished by a \$25,000.00 fine and up to 20 years in prison.

With help from the Platte Institute, Hough eventually appeared before the Nebraska Unicameral and worked with Sen. Mike Groene, who introduced LB 596 to eliminate license requirements for equine massage. The bill was expanded to include massage therapy for dogs and cats. With Governor Pete Rickett's signature in April of 2018, Nebraska became the 14th state to deregulate the trade. The Legislature passed a major licensing reform bill on the same day. Also known as the Occupational Board Reform Act, LB299 requires legislative committees to review 20 percent of licenses under their purview a year, in a continuous five-year cycle.

The bill gained support not only from the Platte Institute, but also from the ACLU of Nebraska and The Wall Street Journal's editorial board.

Equine Sports Massage Therapy is the therapeutic application of hands-on deep tissue techniques to the voluntary muscle system - for the purpose of increasing circulation, reducing muscle spasms, relieving tension, enhancing muscle

tone, promoting healing and increasing range of motion in all breeds of horses. Hough learned the skill and became certified at the Sport Horse Therapeutic Equine Massage facility from Colorado. She simply wanted to help kids and area horse owners by massaging their horses while making some extra money on the side.

She didn't realize how far-reaching the fight against overregulation and red tape in not only equine massage but other services would become in Nebraska, and other states as well. The story went out across the nation through the Associated Press, appeared in the Wall Street Journal, and was read as far away as London. A New York City journalist from the Pew Research Center made the long trip to Hough's rural farm home to interview her, and an in-depth article was also written for Forbe's magazine.

“It took 6 1/2 years and it was a fight,” said Hough. “The fact that the Pew Institute and other financial and economic publications were interested tells you how really important it was. As it went on, I didn't realize how many lobbyists that I was fighting against. There was



Karen Hough

a dam, and this was a hole in that dam.”

Allies Hough and Hatcher brought overregulation to the attention of the Nebraska Legislature, and won. Passage of the bill is now considered a landmark model for licensing reform in other states to follow in the future.

In his invitation to Hough to attend the Summit and receive the Freedom Award, Adam Weinberg of the Platte Institute said, “It was an easy decision.”