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Horsin' Around On Opening Day

The 26th Annual Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic commences with trailers full of horses

The 2017 Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic began with a day full of working ranch horses and ended with a night of draft horse feed team races. Twenty-one horses competed in the Ranch Horse competitions throughout the day including Ranch Horse Evaluation, Ranch Horse Versatility, Team and Open Roping and Ranch Rodeo. The judges for the events were Kevin Winter of Erickson, Nebraska and Lisa Johnson of Broken Bow, Nebraska.

The **Conformation Award** was presented to Lot 17 owned by Ruether Ranch and Taylor Sherwood of Broken Bow, Nebraska. **The Ranch Horse Versatility** was awarded to Lot 21 owned by Lee Bennet of Dannebrog, Nebraska.

The Ranch Rodeo Results are as follows:

Team Sorting: 1st Place- Lot 5- Speared Heart Quarter Horses, Ryan Ludeke of Holdrege, NE; Lot 6- Wes Roberts of Ansley, NE; Lot 8- Danny Elwood of Oberlin, KS. **2nd Place-** Lot 2- Tailed C Ranch, Ryan Cole (Barbie Rose) of Downs, KS; Lot 9- Danny Elwood of Oberlin, KS; Lot 19- U Lazy U Horses, Seth Adam of Grand Island, NE.

Team Doctoring: 1st Place- Lot 2- Tailed C Ranch, Ryan Cole (Barbie Rose) of Downs, KS; Lot 8- Danny Elwood of Oberlin, KS; Lot 17- Ruether Ranch, David Ruether (Taylor Sherwood) of Broken Bow, NE. **2nd Place-** Lot 1- Patrick Chester of Glade, KS; Lot 14- Sturdy Performance Horses, Travis Sturdy of Palmyra, NE; Lot 21- Lee Bennett of Dannebrog, NE. **3rd Place-** Lot 5- Speared Heart Quarter Horses, Ryan Ludeke of Holdrege, NE; Lot 9- Danny Elwood of Oberlin, KS; Lot 15- Cowtown Performance Horses, Nick Weibert of Abilene, KS.

Team Trailer Loading: 1st Place- Lot 5- Speared Heart Quarter Horses, Ryan Ludeke of Holdrege, NE; Lot 17- Ruether Ranch, David Ruether (Taylor Sherwood) of Broken Bow, NE; Lot 21- Lee Bennett of Dannebrog, NE. **2nd Place-** Lot 8- Danny Elwood of Oberlin, KS; Lot 10- Haley Kouma (Madison Hynek) of Norfolk, NE; Lot 16- C Bar Cattle, Ross Williams (Wes Roberts) of Eddyville, NE. **3rd Place-** Lot 1- Patrick Chester of Glade, KS; Lot 11- D-Klein Farms, Duane Klein (Ryan Royle) of Fremont, NE; Lot 12- Mustard Ranch, Larry Mustard of Lexington, NE.

The **Top Hand Award** was presented to Danny Elwood of Oberlin, Kansas. The **All Around Ranch Horse** was awarded to Lot 6- Wes Roberts of Ansley, Nebraska.

New to the Classic this year was the **Draft Horse Feed Team Races**, featuring 18 teams from Nebraska and Colorado. This new event to the Classic schedule drew a standing-room only crowd. Results are as follows:

Draft Horse Feed Team Races: 1st Place- Rex Wempen of Minden, Nebraska. **2nd Place-** Darryl Hill of Greeley, Colorado. **3rd Place-** Cody Wolf of Cozad, Nebraska. **4th Place-** Keith Rudeen of Elm Creek, Nebraska.

Featured opening weekend only at the Classic is **Rustic Cowboy Mercantile**. The vendors include boutique clothing and accessories, unique antique items and rustic décor. They are open 10 am- 6 pm.

Sunday, February 19 begins with Cowboy Church service at 8 am. The ranch horses are back for the Working Cow Competition that takes place at 9:30 pm. The Ranch Horse Sale begins at 2 pm, where the 2017 Nebraska Cattlemen's Classic Supreme Horse will be crowned.

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