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## Former PRCA Bull of the Year Yellow Jacket dies

The 1999 PRCA Bucking Bull of the Year, Yellow Jacket, died of natural causes Aug. 6 on Milt Bradford's ranch in Weatherford, Texas. The Flying Five Rodeo Company bull appeared in the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo six times (1997-2002) and was ridden just twice in 40 outings during the 1999 season, for 94 points by Scott Mendes in Eugene, Ore., and for 95 points by Mike White at the Wrangler NFR. Several of Yellow Jacket's offspring followed him to the Wrangler NFR.

## Thousands raised at Omaha Buckaroo Bash

The silent auction was held in the horse stable and dinner was served in the arena. The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Buckaroo Bash held Aug. 15 in Omaha, Neb., definitely had an equine and Western theme.

The annual fundraiser for the Ak-Sar-Ben's River City Roundup and the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund was held at the Omaha Police Mounted Patrol Horse Barn.

The event signaled that the River City Roundup is coming soon, and it is an opportunity to promote the rodeo's philanthropic causes.

"It really had everything," said Cindy Schonholtz, JCCF program manager. "We learned about the great work of the Omaha Mounted Patrol, connected with the community and raised a lot of money. It was a lot of fun."

This year's River City Round-up, hosted by the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation, will be the home of the Justin Boots Championships, Sept. 24-26. The competition is the culmination of the Wrangler Million Dollar Tour presented by Justin Boots.

There were 420 attendees at the Buckaroo Bash, and the auction grossed more than \$20,000, generating more than \$10,000 to send more than 400 kids to the rodeo. A portion of the funds will be used to purchase new tack for the Omaha Mounted Patrol.

"Offering complimentary tickets to youths in local service organizations like Boys Clubs and Girls Clubs has proven to be a great way to reward positive behavior, and it serves as an introduction to the sport of rodeo for a new generation of potential fans," said Beth Greiner, president of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben Foundation.

Among the many big-ticket items in the live auction were a four-day, three-night Wrangler NFR trip, donated by ProRodeo Hall



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**PAYING HOMAGE:** PRCA Commissioner Karl Stressman, center, joined Colorado Springs, Colo., Mayor Lionel Rivera, left, and Bill Hybl of the El Pomar Foundation at a Western barbecue hosted by the Trustees of the El Pomar Foundation in Colorado Springs on Aug. 18. The PRCA and ProRodeo Hall of Fame were honored at the event for their contributions to the community.

of Famer Michael Gaughan and Southwest Airlines and a one-week-trip to Carlsbad, Calif., along with goodies for University of Nebraska sports fans.

The scheduled entertainment for the River City Roundup this year is Blake Shelton (Sept. 24), Julianne Hough (Sept. 25) and Billy Currington (Sept. 26).

Visit the rodeo's Web site, [www.rivercityroundup.org](http://www.rivercityroundup.org), for ticket information or call Ticket Master at 402.422.1212.

## Dixon named coach at Blue Mountain CC

Chance Dixon, a four-time saddle bronc riding qualifier in the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (1994-96, 2000), has been named head rodeo coach at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Ore. Dixon attended BMCC and competed in team roping, saddle bronc riding and bull riding for the Timberwolves before embarking on a professional career that saw him finish as high as fifth in the world in 1994. He was a five-time Columbia River Circuit saddle bronc riding champion and had career earnings of \$514,660.

## Larsen named rodeo coach at Dickinson State University

PRCA member and former College National Finals Rodeo saddle bronc riding champion Eudell Larsen has been named the head rodeo coach at Dickinson (N.D.) State University. He replaces Scott Kleeman, who left this summer after five seasons.

## 'Chicks n Chaps' grows, eyes further expansion

One year after its inaugural women's rodeo clinic in Missoula, Mont., the "Chicks n Chaps" rodeo clinic returned to the Missoula Stampede Rodeo Aug. 14 for a sold-out clinic of 250 attendees that raised in excess of \$30,000 for Wrangler's Tough Enough To Wear Pink program.

In its second year, the Chicks n Chaps program expanded to four rodeo cities in Montana – Great Falls, Helena, Kalispell and Missoula – and raised a total of more than \$55,000.

Proceeds from all clinics go to TETWP.

The clinics take place in the rodeo arena the day of a rodeo performance, and typically feature three stations: roping, bull riding and behind the chutes. The stations feature no live animals, but group spokesperson Shannone Hart said it still provides a great educational experience.

"Most of the women who come to these Chicks n Chaps events have never been to a rodeo," Hart said. "(The clinic) really gives them a hands-on view of rodeo they've never seen before."

In addition to the clinic, participants are provided gift bags and food at the event. After the clinic, the women have the opportunity to stay for the rodeo performance that evening and sit in a special VIP section referred to as "The Chick Pit."

Hart said the aim of the program is to promote the sport of rodeo and increasing event attendance, in addition to raising money for breast cancer. She added that she sees the program to continue to expand, and it's been very popular with attendees and volunteers alike.

"We had a waiting list of about 30 women; we sold out four weeks before the event even started," Hart said.