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Evelyn Welch Turns 100

On behalf of the Oakdale Cowboy Museum Board of Directors and Staff, we would like to wish Evelyn Welch a Happy 100th Birthday! Evelyn played a significant part in the founding of the Oakdale Cowboy Museum in 1995 and volunteered many hours procuring memorabilia from local ranchers and rodeo cowboys. Evelyn served as a docent for many years and helped train other docents on our western culture.



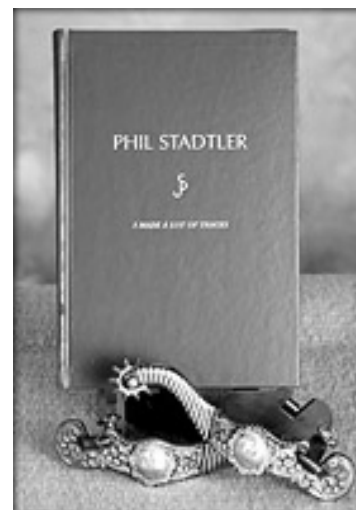
Evelyn was born on a cattle ranch in the South Texas town of Orange. Her father was a blacksmith and relocated the family to Tuolumne County when she was 11 years old. She grew up around cattle ranches and helped with rodeo and beef promotion most of her life. She met a tall handsome cowboy by the name of Jack Welch at the Sonora Rodeo. After courting, they were married and had three children, Mary Jane Castagne, the late Patricia Marshall, Joseph Welch and Lacey Welch.

Evelyn worked in many movies in the 1930's and 1940's. She was a stunt double for Ingrid Bergman in the classic movie "For Whom the Bell Tolls."

Evelyn was the co-author of the La Grange Rodeo Story, a book she wrote with long time friend the late Barbara Painter. She is also well known for the books she wrote about the Graniteware Industry.

Phil Stadtler Book Reprints

The popular autobiography of legendary cattleman Phil Stadtler, *Made a Lot of Tracks*, is being reprinted and will be available for purchase by the end of September 2014. The book has been sold out since the passing of Stadtler in March of 2011. It started out as book for family members and a few friends and Phil was amused by how quickly the first printing of 500 hardbound books sold out. "I didn't think that many people were interested in what I had to say" Stadtler once said with a grin. In roughly three years, 3000 books were sold after 4 reprints.



Phil's granddaughter, Stacey Stadtler Porteur said, "It was a big decision to reprint the books but we kept receiving a lot of requests and I felt we needed to continue to share his story. I'm very excited and I know he's proud of us for moving forward on the project he started." The book will be available for purchase through the Oakdale Cowboy Museum website www.oakdalecowboymuseum.org or through the gift shop.

Local Cowboys to be inducted Into Rodeo Hall of Fame

It is with great honor and admiration that we announce that two of our local cowboys will be inducted into the prestigious Rodeo Hall of Fame during Rodeo Induction Weekend in Oklahoma City on Saturday, September 27. Since 1955, cowboys and cowgirls have been inducted in the Rodeo Hall of Fame, a tribute to rodeo's greatest legends who paved the way for today's rodeo champions.

Bill Martinelli was known as one of the premier bronc riders in pro rodeo. He qualified for the NFR eight times from 1962-1967 and 1971-1972, winning the average in 1965.



Ted Ashworth, the 1958 World Champion Team Roper will be posthumously inducted. Born in Yosemite National Park, Ted grew up working cattle on his grandfather's ranch. He learned how to rope while on cattle drives, practicing heel catches riding in the drag position.

More information on the event including ticket prices can be found on www.loverodeo.org

Museum to Honor John Bowman



On Saturday, September 20, the Oakdale Cowboy Museum will honor in memory, World Champion Steer Roper and All Around Champion John Bowman. John was a charter member of the Cowboys' Turtle Association, signing the original petition and carried card number 10. He was inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City in 1955, and the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame in Colorado Springs in 2014.

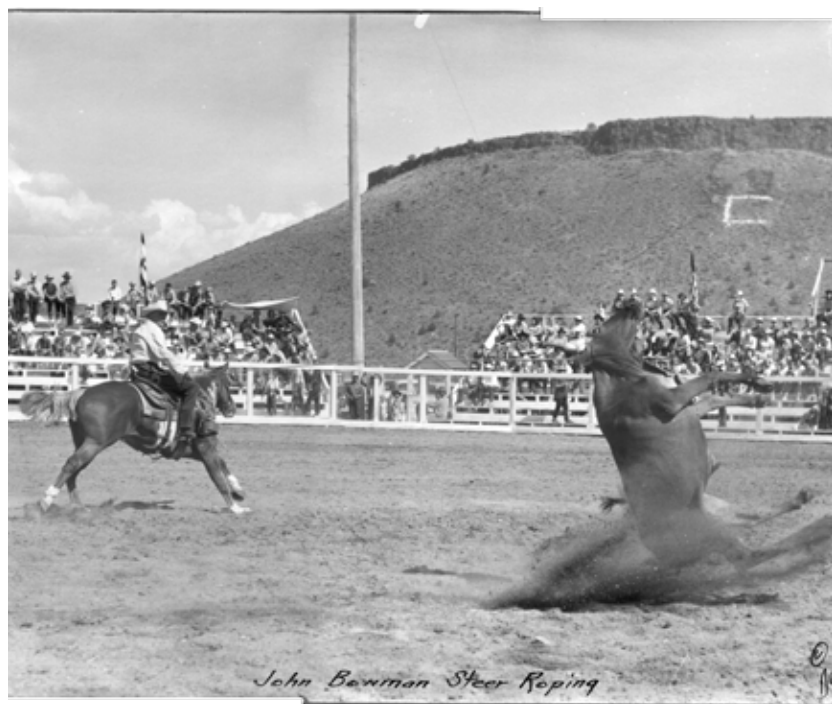
Skilled in all the timed events, Bowman won his first gold buckle in steer roping in 1933, won both the steer roping and all-around world championships in 1936 with earnings of \$10,800 (\$180,388 in today's dollars) and set a calf roping world record of 11.0 seconds in 1927 that stood for many years.

He won gold watches at the Calgary Stampede in 1929-31, won steer wrestling (1930) and tie-down roping (1935) titles at the Cheyenne (Wyo.) Frontier Rodeo and won the tie-down roping, steer roping and all-around championships at the Pendleton (Ore.) Round-Up in 1945.

Bowman's career lasted 44 years, competing in tie-down roping and steer wrestling until he was past 50 and then cutting back to just team roping and steer roping. In 1958, Bowman headed for Ted Ashworth and they placed at 15 rodeos, including a win in the short round at California Rodeo Salinas. Ashworth won the team roping gold buckle and Bowman was third, just \$188 back of his partner in the days when there was no separate world championship for headers and heelers.

Bowman was highly regarded for his skill, competitive spirit, shrewdness, durability and rough, outspoken manner, as well as his willingness to help young cowboys succeed. He was a mentor to three world champions: steer roper Everett Shaw, steer wrestler Homer Pettigrew and team roper Ashworth, along with steer wrestler Sherman Sullins and team roper Al Hooper.

(article courtesy of the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame)



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