

South Dakota Bid Calling Contest results

South Dakota Auctioneers Association

The 2015 South Dakota Auctioneers Association Bid Calling Contest was held Sept. 6 at the South Dakota State Fair. Brent Ulmer of Ashley, N.D., was crowned champion, receiving a plaque, belt buckle and cash. The first runner up was Lewis Reuer of Bowdle, receiving a plaque and cash. The second runner up was Ted

Souvignier of Canton, receiving a plaque and cash. This was no easy contest, as going into the final round we had a tie, and Brent and Lewis tied two more times in the finals, with finally Brent coming out on top. Brent's duties for the upcoming year will be to host the fun auction that is held every year at the South Dakota Auctioneers Convention to be held June 9, 2016, in Watertown and



Courtesy photo

From left to right, 2014 Bid Calling Contest Champion and Master of Ceremonies Jon Millar of Sturgis, second runner-up Ted Souvignier of Canton, first runner-up Lewis Reuer of Bowdle and 2015 Champion Brent Ulmer of Ashley, N.D.

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hosting the 2016 bid calling contest in Huron. Everyone did a great job, and it was a very close competition.

Thank you to Catilin and Donna Eckert, Okaton, for helping clerk; Justin Dean, Artesian; Val Lockett, Wessington Springs; Ben Meyer, Huron; Tom Souvignier, Canton; Marlin Fjelland, Clark; Bill Eckert, Okaton, for helping ring. Thank you to Jon Millar, Sturgis, for being the MC. And a big thank you to the judges: Wanda Tapken, Wessington Springs; Mace Lockett, Rapid City; Alden Olsen, Huron; Bob Schmit, Artesian; Jeff Eberdorfer, Fedora, and to all the contestants: Don Curtis, Mitchell; Sam McCloud, Hoven; Lewis

Reuer, Bowdle; Brent Ulmer, Ashley, N.D.; Ted Souvignier, Canton; Megan Hammond, Elkton; Jackson Hederfeld, Brookings; Bill Jensen, Langforth; Glenn Trautman, II Sabin, Minn.; Nick Stormo, Watertown; Randy Reuer, Bowdle. Also thanks go to our Hall of Fame: Don Sweeter, Worthing, and Vernell Qualm, Platte, and a congrats to Helen Sweeter, Worthing, for her award as 2015 Eminent Homemaker. Thanks go to the 4-H Foundation for helping and letting us help you. We raised over \$7,000 for the Foundation. We hope to see everyone at the Black Hills Stock Show for the Bid Calling Contest on Jan. 31, 2016, at 2 p.m. at the Civic Center.

NFU honors 36 outstanding members of Congress with Golden Triangle Award

National Farmers Union

WASHINGTON — National Farmers Union (NFU) presented 36 recipients with the Golden Triangle Award, the organization's highest legislative honor. The annual award is presented to members of Congress who have demonstrated leadership and support policies that benefit America's family farmers, ranchers, fishermen and rural communities.

"Recipients of the Golden Triangle Award have been strong advocates for family farmers and ranchers, and support similar principles and policies as Farmers Union," said NFU President Roger Johnson.

"We are pleased to honor those who have proven to be true allies of our organization and family agriculture."

This year's Golden Triangle recipients were selected for their leadership on a variety of issues, including votes on labeling and trade issues. The awards were presented at a reception during NFU's Annual Legislative Fly-In this September.

The Golden Triangle Award is based on NFU's symbol — a triangle with "legislation" and "cooperation" forming the sides and "education" the base. The Golden Triangle Awards have been presented to legislators since 1988.