

Heartland Saddle Club sponsored their second annual Competitive Trail Challenge on Saturday, Oct. 8, at Eagle Canyon Hideaway. There were four divisions: youth, pleasure, open and buddy, with approximately 20 horse and rider teams.

The six-mile long ride, near Lake McConaughy, featured six different trail obstacles that varied in difficulty for each level of competition. A rider did not need to compete and could ride the trail as a buddy rider. Riders came from as far away as Omaha, and as near as eight miles from Eagle Canyon.

The winners in each class were: Youth—first place, Ava Petersen. Pleasure—first place, Mark Taylor; second place, Joni Petersen; third Jacquie Glaubitz; fourth, Michael Petersen; fifth, Sandy Reuther and sixth, Lisa Wolters. Open —first place, Kristy Allen; second, Tanya Rogone; third, Arlene Morgan.

Special awards and prizes were given for the funniest hat and the best groomed horse, won by Darren Jensen and Kristy Allen, respectively.

Mark Taylor was the best prepared cowboy and tying for the best prepared cowgirl were Lisa Wolters and Jacquie Glaubitz.

Heartland Saddle Club began in 2009 and now has over 40 members from the surrounding area.

The trail competition was sanctioned by the American Competitive Trail Horse Association (ACTHA) and many prizes and reward cards were donated by ACTHA and the following businesses: Eagle Canyon Hideaway, Van Horn Saddlery, Bomgaars, Godfather's Pizza, Perkins County Vet Clinic, Stockman's Vet Clinic, Heartland Animal Clinic, North Platte Feed Center, Town & Country Western Store, KJ's Western Store, Worth Crop Consulting, Kohler Trailer Sales, Mentzer Oil, Sal's Grooming, DMH Welding, American Family Insurance, Matt & Becky Wise, John and Sue McCready, Cowboy Up Tack, Spicer Ranch, Animal Health International, Pat Van Dyke, Randy & Renee Weis, Ole's Big Game Steakhouse, Hanging H Ranch, Butch's Steakhouse, Rowan's Horse Training, End of the Trail Cattle Hauling, and North Platte Pizza Hut.