



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Tie-down roper Rhen Richard, of Roosevelt, Utah, completes his run in 8.5 seconds during the Friday night performance of the 2016 Farm-City Pro Rodeo in Hermiston. Richard went on to win the 2016 Farm-City all-around title, which he also won in 2014.

Biggest stars in rodeo expected in Hermiston

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As the Farm-City Pro Rodeo said goodbye to the arena at the Umatilla County Fairgrounds in 2016, it did so without some of the notable cowboys Farm-City fans were used to seeing. However that is likely to change this year.

Competitors such as 13-time all-around cowboy world champion Trevor Brazile, bulldogger Luke Branquinho, bareback rider Richmond Champion and Terrebonne native Austin Foss all were gone from the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association ranks in 2016 to be a part of the start-up Elite Rodeo Athletes. However the ERA had an

underwhelming debut season in which three rodeos were canceled, the end-of-season championship was shortened, and many of the top names like Brazile and Champion cashed in their ERA stocks and re-upped their PRCA membership by the end of the season.

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Farm-City Pro Rodeo All-Around winners

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| 1988: Rocky Steagall | 2003: Blair Burk |
| 1989: Mike Beers | 2004: Joe Beaver |
| 1990: Rocky Steagall | 2005: Trevor Brazile |
| 1991: Steve Cumin | 2006: Brad Goodrich |
| 1992: Mike Fuller | 2007: Clint Cooper |
| 1993: Mike Fuller | 2008: Joe Beaver |
| 1994: Joe Beaver | 2009: Trevor Brazile |
| 1995: Mike Fuller | 2010: Shank Edwards |
| 1996: Chad Johnson | 2011: Timber Moore |
| 1997: Curt Goulding | 2012: Russell Cardoza |
| 1998: Rod Lyman | 2013: Curtis Cassiday |
| 1999: Cash Myers | 2014: Rhen Richard |
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| 2001: Joe Beaver | 2016: Rhen Richard |
| 2002: John Flook | |