



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY RODEO CLUB NEWSLETTER



The 2021 - 2022 Colorado State Rodeo Team



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This Year's Officers



Anna Lassiter is the 2021-2022 CSU Rodeo Club President! She is a third year student at Colorado State University this year majoring in equine science and minoring in business administration! Anna took a break from barrel racing this year while her competition mare is almost ready to foal. Anna's ideas that she shared with the team this year improved the functionality of meetings and encouraged better member connection. The rodeo team held many team bonding events thanks to Anna's coordination and enthusiasm.



Chloe Boling is this year's 2021-2022 Vice President! She is a 4th year student at CSU finalizing her bachelors in equine science! She has two amazing ponies, Jac and TeeTee, which she uses for roping and barrel racing! She was a Rodeo Queen in years past and was able to experience many aspects of rodeo. Chloe has been a huge help in obtaining sponsors for our Skyline Stampede rodeo this year and ordering our team jackets and vests!



Fisher Lindahl is this year's 2021-2022 Treasurer! He is a graduating 4th year student on the pre- vet track. He no longer competes in rodeo due to previous injuries, but that does not stop him from staying heavily involved in this team! When he was competing, Fisher rode bulls and bareback. He also enjoys the outdoors, mostly fishing, backpacking and skiing!



Makenna Bryne is the Secretary for this season! She is a second year student studying equine science and minoring in agricultural business. Makenna is a very competitive barrel racer and breakaway roper. Her caring attitude towards the team helps ensure that all competitors have the opportunity to feel supported and be involved.

A Word From Your Alumni Team



Barb Jolly: A Letter to the Old Gang

First, I want to thank Amy Jo Miller and the staff at the CSU Alumni Association for all the years they have designed, printed & sent out this newsletter. They have been the greatest to work with!!! I've lost track of time, but I think it was in the 1980's when we started, using Skillman Photography's mimeograph machine. Soon after the Alumni office took over. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!!!

This year, CSU College of Agricultural Sciences & the CSU Rodeo Club will be in charge of the newsletter. Their time & talent is much appreciated!

And a very special thank you to Nikki & Bruce Halle, Jr. & Discount Tire for their support of the CSU Rodeo Club. Nikki's organizational abilities are amazing-she keeps us on track.

I want to encourage all of you to Google "Colorado State University Rodeo Club" and go to the website. Nathan Van Deel, webmaster, will be adding a separate section for the Alumni. Those pictures you have sent in will be a part of it as well as features from you.

Please continue digging in old boxes—pictures from Skyline Stampede-Rodeo Club activities etc-e-mail them to me, our CSU Archives are documenting the history.

Your friendship over the years has been the Highlight of My Life!!

Thank You,
Barb (Freese) Jolly



Laura Ames

I competed on the CSU team from 2012-2016. I just wanted to thank the team and alumni for allowing me to be a part of the program again! It has been a joy to work with the students, Barb Jolly, Brandon, Whitney, Nikki, Lauren, the alumni office, and the College of Ag! This has been a big couple years of adjustment and I think we are on the right path!



Lauren Graham

I am the 2021-2022 banquet and alumni chair and will be graduating this year with a bachelor's degree in equine science and a minor in agricultural business! I compete in barrel racing on my horse Amigo. We have made a lot of changes as far as alumni outreach this year, as well as helped plan this year's luncheon and auction. I own a boarding facility in Wellington, Colorado and plan to build my business after graduating in May!

Meet the Inductees



Lisa Hamilton grew up in California competing in rodeos and horse shows. She attended Cal-Poly State University earning a degree in Animal Science/Equine Science Concentration. After graduation she spent 8 years working at Santa Anita, Hollywood Park, Del Mar, and Los Alamitos racetracks in southern California and later moved to Colorado where she attended CSU while continuing to breed, show and race her horses. While at CSU, she was an active member of the Rodeo Club and served as the Director for the Skyline Stampede Rodeo in 1994. After graduating with a BS in Agriculture Education, she was employed at Y- TEX

Corporation as the Sales and Marketing Coordinator. A few years later she was offered a job teaching agriculture in a rural Montana school, which took her back to CSU 5 years later for a MS of Agriculture. While teaching she continued to barrel race earning several championships and high point awards. She was featured in America's Horse magazine 2014 and Horse & Rider magazine 2017 for her continued success in the show ring. She continued to teach agriculture and retired in 2021 after 18 years in the classroom. She is currently employed with Equilume as the Western Territory Manager of the USA and continues to show her barrel futurity horses.

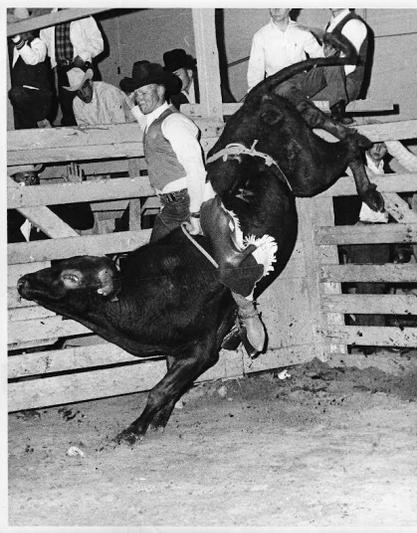
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Ginger Greene, raised from day one on a cattle ranch in the mountains of Colorado, grew up knowing the value of agriculture and family. As an only child, she became her dad's right-hand man early in life, and shared her mom's passion for horses. These two passions have led her down a life of ranching and barrel racing. She received her Associates Degree from Lamar Community College in Horse Training and Management, then went on to Colorado State University, where she competed on their rodeo team, and received her Bachelor's in Animal Science, with

an emphasis in Beef Production. She was Miss Rodeo Colorado in 1991, and bought her first membership with the Women's Professional Rodeo Association that same year. She has competed in that, as well as many other associations, ever since. After teaching at Laramie County Community College in their Horse Training Program, and coaching both the IHSA and Women's rodeo team, she moved back to Colorado State to teach in their Equine Sciences Department. She taught their western riding and training classes, as well as coaching both IHSA and women's rodeo. She also finished her Master's while there, in Agriculture Extension

Education. Following her career in teaching, she moved back to help run the ranch in Jefferson, CO full time, while also working in the livestock feed industry. Most recently she has also embarked on a journey as an author and has two published books: Faith for the Road and Wisdom From the Round Pen. Ginger gave her life to Christ as a young lady. From her side, her walk with God has been far from perfect. From God's side, however, He is always perfect and never left her, even through the wandering years. She strives each day to walk closer with Christ, and to inspire others to do the same. Her passion for others to see God in the everyday, to know that He is good and faithful, and her love of agriculture and rodeo, are what inspire her.



Randy Witte chose to attend CSU because he knew there was a rodeo club on campus. On his third day as a freshman, looking for classrooms, he met a sophomore, Jerome Robinson, who was “recruiting” rodeo club membership. Witte signed up immediately and the club became an important part of his college years from 1966 through 1970. He participated in bull riding and graduated with a degree in technical journalism. From 1970 through 1977, Randy worked for the Rodeo Cowboys Association as News Bureau director, and later, editor of the association’s Rodeo Sports News. He then took a job with Western Horseman—the magazine needed someone who could write about rodeo. He was with Western Horseman for 29 years, and retired as

publisher in 2006. Today, he and his wife, Marsha Stees Witte (1970 CSU grad in agricultural journalism), raise Texas Longhorns near Peyton, Colorado.



Raylene Owen is a Colorado native, rooted in a wheat and cattle homestead. Graduating from CSU in 1964 with a BS, with a double major in General Agriculture and Biology, she also participated in the Rodeo and Livestock Clubs. In 1963, she was honored as the CSU Skyline Stampede Queen. In 1968, on a teaching assistantship at CSU, she earned a MS in Botany and certification to teach horsemanship and judge

horse shows. Raylene competed in Little Britches Rodeos, county fairs, horse shows, and the Little National Western Stock Show. Her adult life has been dedicated to teaching in all of these fields, as both an award-winning biology educator and principal instructor for several

horsemanship programs. Raylene will match the superior quality of her education from CSU against any degree in the nation. Her success has been built upon a family that valued education and a university that prepared her for the careers of a lifetime.



Lori L. Shalberg (Oct 11, 1967 - Oct 21, 2018) Lori went to University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo for two years and played on a basketball scholarship and was also part of the rodeo team. After injuring her shoulder she transferred to CSU in Fort Collins and was on the rodeo team there. With all she had going on with college Lori decided to try out for Miss Rodeo Colorado in Greeley, where she won and was crowned Miss Rodeo Colorado at the Stock Show in Denver in 1990. After graduating from CSU with a bachelor's degree in education, Lori moved back to Sheridan Lake to become a teacher and a coach for one year at Plainview High School. While in Fort Collins, Lori had been asked if she would be interested in being a firefighter. This interest loomed larger with Lori and she decided this was something she wanted to do. The next year Lori passed the written test, and then the agility portion of the test, and was soon hired at the Poudre Fire Dept. in Fort Collins. Lori went on to be a firefighter for twelve years and loved that job with all her heart. Lori was diagnosed with a pseudo tumor in 2001 and eventually had to take disability and leave the force. She eventually moved back to Sheridan Lake in 2007, and continued to be an EMT. Lori continued to deal with the tumor for all these years and then was diagnosed with cancer in February, 2013 which would eventually take her life. Lori was dearly loved by her family and friends, and will be forever remembered by all. She is truly missed by her Rodeo family!

Inductee Information

- ★ Lisa Hamilton: lavinaffa@yahoo.com
 - ★ Randy Witte: randymarshawitte@aol.com
 - ★ Raylene Owen: rayleneowen@myedl.com
 - ★ Ginger Greene: gingerbarrelracer@yahoo.com
 - ★ Lori Shalberg passed away earlier this year
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Coaches



Branden Ferguson is the head coach of the 2021-2022 CSU Rodeo Club! This year marks the beginning of his fifth season. Branden has seen a lot of changes to the program in the last few years and although the faces have changed, the goals that we started with have not. With every year Branden has led our team closer to becoming one of the premier college rodeo programs in the region! It has been humbling for Branden to be a part of this program and to see the growth in the team. It is every cowboy's dream to find a place in rodeo after competing where they can contribute and give back to the sport. Branden is honored to be able to do just that in his current role, with the support of his children Brody and KaDee and wife McKenna. He is excited to continue seeing the doors that God opens for our future.



Whitney Simmons is the assistant coach of the 2021-2022 CSU Rodeo Club! Whitney is such an asset to our rodeo team. She serves as an advisor and women's coach. She worked hard to boost the confidence of our team and encourages us all to wear our vests proudly. She is an all-around cowgirl who truly loves every event rodeo has to offer. Whitney enjoys training horses year-round, seasoning young equine superstars, and roping as often as possible. Whitney is passionate about growing our program and our students. She is excited to see the changes over the next several years. Being a coach and mentor to a group of student athletes such as the CSU Rodeo kids is quite a blessing for Whitney.



Directors



Craig Huffhines is the 2021-2022 Director for the rodeo program. Craig is a top executive with two-plus decades of leadership experience in the equine and beef industries. He has returned to his alma mater as Colorado State University's director of Equine Sciences and Elite Bovine and Equine Genetics. "Craig is an accomplished executive who brings with him an entrepreneurial spirit and industry awareness that will help advance CSU's equine and seedstock research and position us as a leader and trusted partner for industry" said James Pritchett, dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and director of the Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station. Craig replaced former director Jerry Black, who retired in 2020 after 10 years at the helm of

CSU's Equine Science program. Craig has invested himself into all of the agricultural programs at CSU, especially the rodeo team! With the knowledge and leadership he brings to CSU, the rodeo team is projected to flourish. He has been in close contact with our incredible coaches this year and they have all made changes to better our practice times and our members! We are eternally grateful for the work he has already put into our team and we look forward to the future of our team under this new direction.



Nikki Halle (left) has taken on a critical role of helping the CSU rodeo team with fundraising. Her mission has been to grow our rodeo team/program for the past five years. She started taking an interest in helping the team when her now graduated daughter, Lake Mehalic (right), joined the team! Nikki has since helped the team host some incredible banquets to raise money for the team and recognize and celebrate our outstanding alumni. This year, Nikki helped the rodeo club with a crowdfunding campaign that resulted in the club exceeding their

\$25,000 goal and earning a massive \$50,000 sponsorship from Discount Tire! This year's campaign raised \$27,365 in donations! Her work gives the rodeo club a bright future where full ride scholarships for students and a head coaching salary can be possible.

\$27,365

109%

Raised toward our \$25,000 Goal
115 Donors

College of Agricultural Sciences Update

The College continues to focus on providing enriching and applicable academic and hands-on learning opportunities for our students through new and existing programs, facilities and coursework. We are pleased to report we are putting the finishing touches on the Nutrien Agricultural Sciences Building, a complete renovation and expansion of the former Shepardson Building! The construction fences have come down, the last pieces of furniture are being delivered and storytelling installed, and we are planning for a joyous transition into our college's new home with a May 3rd opening celebration. The addition of the Aggie "A" above the main entrance last month was an exciting milestone and a welcoming beacon of the new home of agriculture at CSU. The building will feature state-of-the-art research, learning, innovation and collaboration spaces that will benefit everyone, including bright and spacious teaching labs, an innovation gym and diverse gathering spaces. Our unique classroom-in-the round (the Knowledge Well) will offer an engaging learning environment and stunning setting for special events.

Spur: CSU's new campus at the National Western Center in Denver opened its first of three buildings in January, with the next to follow in June. The new campus will allow us to meet ambitious new goals and extend our outreach, education, research, and industry engagement. At Spur, the College of Agricultural Sciences looks forward to collaborating with diverse partners to provide lifelong learning, discovery, and agricultural literacy to communities and to further demonstrate our commitment to the safety, security and sustainability of food and natural resources. Read more about the Spur priority areas at csuspur.org.

The Nutrien Agricultural Sciences Building and Spur represent the type of investment we expect to continue to make in the future, as part of a larger effort to improve college infrastructure in pursuit of our strategic plan. Our future work will build on a proud tradition of innovation in agricultural sciences at CSU. Guided by our shared vision, we are mobilizing around and investing in eight strategic focus areas for leadership and impact – regionally, nationally and globally. Our strategic planning process is one of continual improvement. When adjustments need to be made, we will do so systematically, decisively and with purpose. You can learn more about our strategic direction and investments we're making in people, programs and places in the Strategic Plan section of the College's updated website at agsci.colostate.edu/about/strategic-plan. We invite you to engage with us in the areas you are most interested in.

On behalf of Dean Pritchett and the entire College, we are most grateful for the time, energy, expertise and insight you invest in us and the future of agriculture. Please keep us updated with any changes to your contact information or life events by emailing us at cas_vip@mail.colostate.edu or completing an online bio update at advancing.colostate.edu/AGUPDATE. We look forward to the opportunity to continue sharing great news from CSU Rodeo as well as other activities in the College of Agricultural Sciences.

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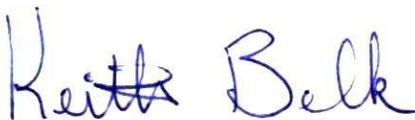
Keith Belk, Professor & Head

Spring at CSU is always a great time for me . . . as trees and grass begin to turn green and migratory birds begin to move north through our state, and as students start to ‘detect’ the closeness of summer break or their impending graduation, it always feels a bit like ‘rejuvenation’. But in addition to the normal signs, since I was an undergraduate student myself in the late 1970’s and early 1980’s, another indicator that spring is in the air is the approaching favorite event for many of us—and the oldest intercollegiate rodeo—the Skyline Stampede. This 2022 term is no exception, and I am so looking forward to the events that will occur without the stifling impacts of COVID-19! In 2022, we are back fully live and without masks in our own Pickett Arena and peripheral facilities; it is truly a time for all of us to become revitalized again!

I can tell that many of us feel the same. The amount of exertion and effort being expended, at the time that I write this, in preparation for this year’s Skyline Stampede is absolutely astounding. Furthermore, it seems that many have missed these activities as philanthropy and support of the Skyline Stampede and our Rodeo Team clearly has improved . . . we very much thank all donors, sponsors, and contributors. Your gifts of treasure, talent and time are second to none and I think that I can speak for our students when I say “thank you very much” for everything. In the aftermath of a pandemic, your support allowing us to become ‘normal’ again is more than appreciated—we cannot likely ever repay you but please know that we are grateful.

I look forward to all of the Skyline Stampede events this year—the planning team has really outdone themselves. And, we have substantial opportunities for our students to compete favorably in the rodeo. But win or lose, we all will appreciate this new normal . . . let’s all take time to be grateful for what we have.

My sincere wishes for a great Skyline Stampede and a wonderful spring 2022,



Keith E. Belk
Professor & Head
Department of Animal Sciences

Upcoming Events

1. Gillette College 3/18/2022 - 3/20/2022

Coach: Will LaDuke

(307) 689-5806

Gillette, WY

2. Eastern Wyoming College 3/25/2022 - 3/27/2022

Jake Clark

(307) 532-0692

Torrington, WY

3. **Skyline Stampede** 4/1/2022 - 4/3/2022

Branden Ferguson

(303) 524-4437

Colorado State University's B.W. Pickett Arena: Fort Collins, CO

4. CSU Rodeo Alumni Luncheon 4/2/2022

Live/silent auction

Temple Grandin Equine Center: Fort Collins, CO

5. Casper College 4/8/2022 - 4/10/2022

Jhett Johnson

(307) 258-3131

Casper, WY

6. University of Wyoming 4/22/2022 - 4/24/2022

Beau Clark

(406) 579-8418

Laramie, WY



2022 Skyline Stampede

Below is the schedule of events throughout the weekend!

Skyline Stampede April 1-3, 2022

BW Pickett Arena

735 S. Overland Trail

Fort Collins, CO 80523

Friday, April 1st

7pm Rodeo Performance

Saturday, April 2nd

-8am Morning Slack

-12:30pm-2:30pm Inductee/Alumni Award Luncheon

Location: Temple Grandin Equine Center Classroom (across from BW Pickett Arena)

-Immediate Following Luncheon: Alumni Tour of facilities and the ANSC Building with Craig Huffhines, Director of Equine Sciences & Wagonhound Land & Livestock Chair

-7pm Rodeo Performance

Live & Silent Auction during Rodeo, register to bid when you arrive

-After 8pm, Bulldog Inn East Cowboy/Cowgirl Reunion (see next page for details)

Sunday, April 3rd

10am Rodeo Performance

Host Hotel: Hilton 970-482-2626

****ALL CSU RODEO ALUMNI, INDUCTEES (PAST & PRESENT), INDUCTEE FAMILIES, SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS WILL RECEIVE FREE “VIP” PASSES AT WILL CALL TABLE @ BW PICKETT ARENA. EMAIL NIKKI HALLE @ NIKKITRT@AOL.COM OR TEXT 520-349-4411, NAME & HOW MANY PASSES YOU AND YOUR FAMILY/FRIENDS WILL NEED. ALL ARE TO BE SEATED IN “VIP” GOLD SEATS.**

Bulldog Inn East-Cowboy/Cowgirl Reunion

Some of the old boys of the Bulldog Inn East are sponsoring the first annual Bulldog Inn East Cowboy/Cowgirl Reunion. It is going to be held in conjunction with the CSU Skyline Stampede, which is typically the first weekend in April and this year will be April 1-3.

Our reunion will consist of one performance with no slack. That performance starts Saturday at 8:00 PM at the Fort Collins Elks Lodge, 1424 E Mulberry Street. The evening events will be a cash bar, finger food and a lot of reminiscing. The entry fee is \$20 payable at the gate. We encourage everyone to attend the college rodeo's Saturday evening performance then come to the reunion. You don't have to be there right at 8:00, just get there when you can and stay till closing time. There will not be a grand entry, no requirement for cowboy hats or long sleeves, just lots of visiting.

Entries are open to include anyone of any age with any kind of rodeo connection, youth, high school, college, amateur, pro or groupie, that would enjoy reconnecting. This is not just a CSU college rodeo event. Reach out to your circle of friends, save the date and you all plan to come.

Entries close March 26th at sundown!

Register Here: <https://intense-atoll-70237.herokuapp.com/>

Seniors



Lauren Graham- Bachelor's in Equine Science and Minor in Agricultural Business

"I just got engaged this December! After I get married I plan to build my boarding facility business in Wellington, CO. In 5 years, I hope to have started a horse training and lesson operation out of my own facility to help inspire young riders and encourage youth development. Rodeo has taught me to have courage and to chase after the things I am passionate about. I used to fear running barrels outside of the practice pen, but practicing with this team has taught me to be brave and bold! I will always treasure these memories."



Katie Droshin- Environmental engineering and human dimensions of natural resources

"I plan to pursue a masters degree after I graduate. I grew up in a rodeo family and love everything rodeo has to offer! I see myself somewhere great in 5 years. Rodeo has taught me persistence, patience, trust, and hard work!"

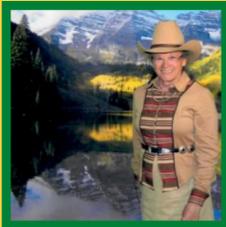


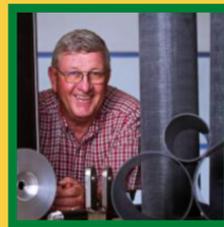
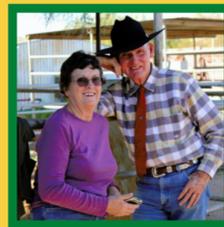
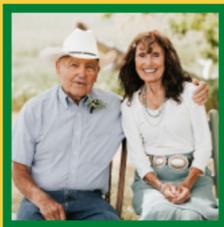
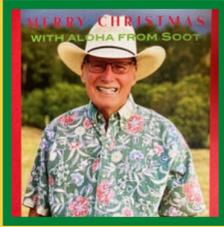
Kelsey Story- Agricultural Business and Equine Science.

"I plan to attend graduate school at Colorado State University and pursue a Masters degree in Agricultural Economics. From there, I would like to work for the USDA analyzing international trade data and policy. I have been a part of the rodeo team all 4 years of college where I have competed in Barrel Racing, Team Roping, and Breakaway Roping. If there is one thing rodeo has taught me, it is how to keep pushing and fighting through any struggles you face..

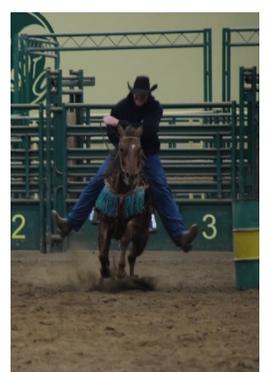
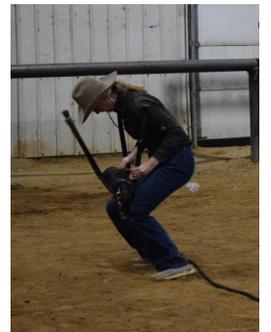
Old Gang Pictures







Current Practice Pictures



Gone but not Forgotten

- *Tom Alber*
- *Wayne Bamford*
- *Rita (Larson) Deines*
- *Gilbert Frisbie*
- *Calista Hamil*
- *Shirley (Bellis) Harrris*
- *Roger Hibbs*
- *Chickie (Younger) Knox*
- *Bill Laycock*
- *Dean Kugler*
- *Brice Lee*
- *BJ Lindauer*
- *Connie (Trompeter) Lindeman*
- *Eddie Linke*
- *Lonnie Mantle*
- *Gary McDonald*
- *Dave McManus*
- *Bill Mundell*
- *Jim Pool*
- *Joan (Shaw) Propst*
- *Rusty Wilkins*
- *Jackie (Holderness) Worthington*
- *Les Pyeatt*
- *Kim (Bell) Ridley*
- *Jerome Robinson*
- *Mark Hicks*
- *Tom Weimer*

CSU Rodeo Club Alumni That Have Gone National

Jerome Robinson: Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame Inductee 2019
Bull Riding Hall of Fame Inductee 2019

Randy Witte: Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame Inductee 2019

Mike Cervi: Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame Stock Contractor Inductee 2003

Butch Meyers: World Champion PRCA Steer Wrestling 1980

Becky (Marshall) Carson: Runner-up World Champion Barrel Racer 1975 & 1977

Dick Aronson: Rookie of the Year PRCA 1970

Allen Keller: World Champion Single Steer Roping 1972

Dick Yates: Third in World Series Team Roping #10 2018

Lonnie"Nav"Mantle: Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame Inductee 2018

Wright Dickenson III: Wyoming Cowboy Hall of Fame Inductee 2019

Corky Warren: Texas Rodeo Hall of Fame Inductee 2012

Bonnie McPherson: Texas Rodeo Hall of Fame Inductee 2017

Alumni Updates A-Z List

RODEO & LIVESTOCK CLUB ALUMNI 1950'S

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Franklin & Martie Anderson said that he is doing fine, needs a cane to walk. Daughter Gisela, Henderson, NV, was home for Christmas and daughter Susan is his “left hand man” at the ranch getting ready for winter, fencing & the like. Martie belongs to a knitting group—shoot the bull & knit is Franklin’s idea of it. He had an appendectomy on 10 Jan. Doing fine now.

Vern Albertson & Maggie Livingston ventured to FL for a week of sightseeing & visiting her family. Vern had a firsthand look at the big fire & 100 MPH winds in Boulder as he was coming home from a treatment in Denver, smoke & dust so thick they couldn’t see. He visited friends in Albany, OR in Oct.

B

Joeleen Bruce: No change there—Happy New Year!

John & Povy (LaFarge) Bigbee’s grandson Joey contacted a disabling case of Lyme disease, they are trying to find a place for him closer to them. Povy has written a book “Aristotle in the Branding Corral” about her life from NY City to ranching. John’s main job is “holding down the couch”—(still the same sense of humor!)

Roger & Nancy Bruce are doing great. He had to put his red horse down recently at 34 years of age. They enjoy Colorado.

Dave & Beth Bashor: Beth moved into Memory Care at Greeley Village the end of Nov. 2021. She’s settling in & seems to be doing well. Dave is still ranching and living in Grover & gets to visit Beth regularly.

Don Barry says he seems to do very little but still keeps very busy. Body wearing out but doesn’t slow them down enough to stop them. Both tested positive for Covid, but very little discomfort.

Dave Branger writes from Columbia SA & near a town Venicia where he is visiting his son Mike & family. He says “I will return to frigid Montana on February 14. Am enjoying my step granddaughter and her mule Congo and playing with her chickens and peacocks. Met a couple yesterday who are both graduates in agronomy and raise their own branded coffee and as they speak English I took the short course on coffee production from planting to the cup. Found it very interesting. Everyone here is really friendly and helpful.”

George Betz says no change in Bozeman. His grandkids are all growing up, Bella’s headed for college next year. He enjoyed Lonnie Mantle’s obit, they were at A&M together. Life was one big adventure then, even though they lived like coyotes.

Olivia (Curtis) Burgess is healthy, goes to church, bible study, plays a little bridge & gets together with friends. She’s not happy with the growth of Castle Rock but thankful to live in an older neighborhood with good neighbors and open space.

Soot (Carl) Bredhoff said they finally got rain in Hawaii. Their Axis deer population was devastated. He does a lot of yard & irrigation work at his daughters, where he lives, and preservation work on the historic church at Kaupo.

Don Chadwick said **Jean**, 94, passed away Jan. 14th. They had been married 72 years. He is homebound with a broken hip. Through his big window he can see across the golf course to the mountains. Snow cover everywhere.

Leonard & Joanne (Fulenwider) Blach: are still hanging out with the aliens in Roswell. Most of our family were here for Christmas and new years, not much traveling for us these days. We are busy traveling to the doctor or the restrooms. We survived the vaccinations, boosters & the covid, and we are ready for the next challenge. Have not been able to kiss my wife for 2 years on the account of this damn mask mandate. Other than that, life is about the same and the sink is full of dishes.

C

Gregg Churchill is busy Zooming and writing about The Parable Log Journal he's invented. He says it is like a spiritual shovel for using what makes the grass grow green to get closer to God.

Bud & Kathy Clemons have been in good health so continue to do what they always do—Bud ropes (tie down), Kathy rides and works with a young horse & oil paints. All of Bud's siblings in FL & their spouses are now gone and a niece & nephew passed this year.

George & Susy Culbreath just arrived in Ft. Myers, FL. He was sorry to hear about “Nav” Mantle, a great guy and one of the last true “Cowboys”. Had a visit with Dave & Rose Macy, seems like most of their good friends are disappearing.

Darris & Peggy (Caffey) Cumming are back in CO, it was a bad year for sickness, but it got better. They enjoy living at the Cambridge House, assisted living in Holyoke, the service is terrific. He enjoys driving around visiting old friends.

Stenner & Fran Carlson had to evacuate in last year's fire for a week, lots of ash to deal with & wind storm 100 miles an hr. broke windows out of cars & truck, fence down, barn roof torn off—lots of repairs! Fran plays bridge.

Grady & Gail (Byers) Culbreath still live in the house he grew up in. They summer quite a few cows (no winter feeding at below zero!) & he has good help. A granddaughter is a PA in Spokane & grandson Clay is half way thru law school at U of WY.

Jane (Christopher) Carlson finally has a great grand baby, and another one on the way. She plays bridge weekly and has a Kindle that talks to her—English Mysteries!

Ed Christensen is 95! He & **Carol** stay active in their retirement community, go to church & play bridge.

Sam Crosby stays at home & takes care of the cattle & horses.

Wayne Collette is recouping in rehab from pneumonia due to complications of diabetes.

D

Sandy (Crosby) Davidson writes that Bob is still selling boots and she's playing bridge & quilting.

Jim Deines' daughter was with him when Rita passed away. He no longer golfs but has breakfast with friends once a week.

Wright & Polly Dickinson are still in the cattle business. They both had covid in Nov. Two of their grandkids go to Panhandle State in OK & they rodeo, Ira bronc rider, Kate Breakaway roping.

Jo (Fisher) Dixon lives with her daughter Jody. She needs a wheelchair so doesn't get out much, but enjoys watching 1 year old great grandson bang pots & pans—it's all about noise!

Wes and Marlene (Goodwin) Dross stay close to home, all the kids had covid, but not them. They have 3 kids within 25 miles, so when they need help, it's right there.

Dorothy (Prieskorn) Doherty's son from NC spent Christmas with her, it took him 2 days to get home-flying. Since Tom's passing she is adjusting to living alone & taking charge. She hopes to get back to card making & Ancestry.com soon.

Elbert & Susan Davis: Do little travel with Covid, plowed snow 8 times after Christmas, it stayed on the ground longest of any time we have lived in Idaho (56 years).

E

Lance Earley has lost a number of members of his family this year. He misses Dave McManus, they worked together in Extension, the National Western Stock Show & Colorado State Fair. He sold his cow herd and his RV refrigeration business is up for sale.

Dwain & Donna (Fell) Eaton continue with the small animal practice, running a few cows, feedlot ½ full, and RACING! They had a very successful year at Arapahoe Park, Denver. In 2020 Donna was Breeder of the Year. 106 MPH winds tore buildings up & 20 trees went down.

George & Dorothy (Hinkle) Ellicott had Christmas in Brush with their granddaughter. He's on oxygen 24/7 and doesn't drive. Lots of therapy has helped.

Howard Enos has been on dialysis over a year. He goes 3 days a week & the only side effect is he goes to sleep easily, so he limits his driving. Highlands Ranch has plenty of restaurants & entertainment, so he's doing just great.

Ron Ericsson: "Late last week alone on the ranch I did not have the strength to get off the floor and called the ambulance and spent some days in the hospital in Spearfish. Now a week plus later I still need a walker but my strength, appetite, breathing, sleep and ability to walk are returning to normal. I still need a walker but less and less and have been staying with Jean. The health issue was my prostate not allowing the bladder to empty. I will not return to live on the ranch by myself and where and how I will live is yet to be determined."

F

Marilyn (Scott Painter) Freimark stays at home most of the time, family visits often. Several times a week she enjoys lunch with Tommy Thompson who she's known for 60 years.

Ginny (Holmes) Forney, 92, takes care of her own house but gets lots of help from her daughter in Castle Rock. She tells some great stories of her grandparent's settling in Eastern CO in the 1870's. Husband Joe Forney was on the board of 6 men who formed NIRA.

Joe Flores, 90, says his main job is "to stay out of the way"! He loves reading Texas history. His family came to TX in the 1850's.

Marilyn (Montgomery) Frisbie said Gilbert passed away Feb. 5th from a stroke.

G

Bill & Jan Gates said the snow was very welcome—so dry! Bill had a bad fall that jarred his whole body, with compression fractures in back, so many trips to the doctors. Jan's a great caregiver.

H

Walt Harris' newsletter was a tribute to **Shirley (Bellis)** who passed away in Nov. He said he cherished each and every one of you, who in your own way, have enriched their lives.

Jake Hamil's card featured pictures of him & **Calista (Eliot)** which she had prepared for their 65th anniversary. She passed away but had left this thought "I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done".

Gintsie (Painter) Hutchinson says very little going on in her world. She & Betty dog are fine & live a nice easy life. It's been chilly in AZ, she is used to HOT!

Daryl & Mary Helen (Holtorf) Hatch say they aren't exactly decrepit, but younger people do offer to assist them a great deal (just kidding, they are doing very well). Daryl is restoring a saddle advertised in a 1906 Sears & Roebuck catalog for \$12. Their Capri Camper allows them to go anywhere & skip airports and motels.

Tom Holtorf goes to the ranch each morning to take care of the calves. His grandson Hayden helps him. He really enjoys retired life!

Jim & Carma (Jesiop) Hale are spending the winter in Donna, TX. They had a nice visit with the **Davidsons**, then stopped in to the **Yates** camp for a couple of days on the way to Texas.

Vera (Fell) Hammons is living at home by herself & does the horse chores. After a year off, due to hip replacement, Talara got her back horseback, & when it warms up, they will continue as that is where she is the happiest.

Mark & Lee Hicks were in the middle of the huge blizzard that hit Northern California, the deep snow caused a world of hurt. The drought conditions weekend the trees & as the rains began, then wind & snow, they came down on powerlines. They kept power and had a portable generator parked in the garage.

Marti (Kessler) Harbour keeps busy with her usual activities and is grateful for being able to do the things she likes & for good health!

Stan & Donna Herman: A sad—In February their oldest son died of a heart attack at age 62. A joy—in Sept. their fourth great grandchild was born, Jackson Daryl Smith. Donna traveled to see him in Oct. They are hangin' in there—

Pat & Delores Hanrahan live at 7,000 ft., they do have winter in AZ. At 90, he has trouble walking but enjoys trips to the casino in Pinetop-Lakeside.

Ed & Marilyn Hansen are out of the beef business. He had covid, ached in every joint—Weird! He said it doesn't take much to entertain them any more, "can laugh at each other pretty easy". He has occasional phone visits with **Tom Tuell**. "8 great grandkids can make you tired in a hurry!"

Lynn Healey had a challenging year, covid, stroke & dialysis 3 times a week. He goes to the Elks club for Mexican food & poker league, and Black Hawk when he can hitch a ride. He hopes to go to Skyline Stampede, and enjoys visits with **Don Moss**.

Jack & Carol (Palmer) Horn were having lots of snow, their idea of a wild trip is to Murdocks for chicken feed. Jack goes to the shop to do woodworking & watches Fox News on his I-Pad, Carol reads Christian books & Bible.

Dan & Jean (Klodt) Hejde's son is living with them, he is a retired paramedic & gourmet cook! Jean broke a hip.

Dixie (Winters) Hoffner will be traveling to the Bahamas in April with family. She spends a lot of time with grandkids & enjoys reading, especially mysteries.

Larry Hoffner continues ranching, with covid loose, he spent more time at home & got to know the ranch more by itself. He thanks this newsletter for recognizing his brother Bryan's passing last year. Social life used to be going to sales, now it's all on the internet.

Kindra Hossack lost her sister to Covid this year. Covid kept her from seeing grandson for 2 years, they got together at Christmas. Living on 2 ½ acres & loom knitting (40 caps) keeps her busy.

Bonnie (Hutchison) Hughbanks enjoys therapeutic horseback riding. Her son Scott lives with her.
J

Polly (Collins) Johnson moved to an assisted living in Cheyenne Wells where there are 26 folks, most of whom she knows. Three of her 4 kids are ranching close by & son in PA visits 4 times a year. She has 13 grandkids & 10 great grand kids who she sees often. During the covid, it was thru the window, using the phone to communicate, now they can come to her room.

Joe & Dianne (Grace) Jeffrey sold their house in AZ & are back in NE. He's involved in Public Power Board, acts as auctioneer for local fundraisers & is having a good time just being an old man. He thinks "cubalibras" are the answer to the world problems.

Barb (Freese) Jolly did her usual trip to UT this summer, enjoys being involved in a number of organizations in her home town of Ritzville, WA, but what she likes best is staying in contact with the "Old Gang" from Aggies.

K

Bill & Gail (Franzman) Knorr's whole family had Covid. In Oct., LeighAnne, Hollie, then Jim. Then in Nov. Bill & Gail had it & received "antibodies" & recovered. Son Kerry died of Covid. On a happier note, LeighAnne graduated with highest Honors from EWSU.

Jim Kemps's daughter Mary sees to it that he is being taken care of. He has 3 orchid plants, one had 10 blooms for 5 months. He is doing yoga and still makes puzzles. Daughter Jana is helping him put together a book of pictures & history of the family.

Marilyn (Flagg) Kotick spent 5 weeks in Sandy, UT with Kim & Bill Agnew family. Her Flagg-Kotich family consisting of 4 daughters & families had a family reunion in Glenwood Springs in July. They shared a great time.

Sherry (Deeds Keffeler) Terry's family was together for Christmas. Her son came from Denver and there were 5 great grandkids that live close—ages 3 mo. to 6 years. She plays bridge, goes to dinner with friends & babysits with the great grandkids.

Judy (Thompson) Keiss is Bob's caregiver, belongs to 2 book clubs &, now & then, exercises. **Bob**, when weather is good, rides his 3 wheel bike.

Sandra (Curl) Kelly says nothing new since last year. She enjoys reading & watching the Cowboy Channel on TV.

Laura Lou Kelly dug a post hole & never found wet earth. NE is really dry! At 88, she has given up skiing & horseback riding. During the summer, her greenhouse supplies friends with fresh vegetables.

Larry Kirk had his snow blower out & going in the big snow. He & **Vonnie** go to church & to the Good Old Days Club where they have lunch, program & see lots of old friends.

Gordon Knorr has a new knee & admits he should go to the gym more. Alice had a helicopter ride to Idaho Falls, all the hospitals in MT were full. They both are doing fine now.

Velda Kuiper journeyed to Buffalo, WY for the memorial for **Tom & Dave Kuiper**. She goes to the club house for lunch, church, concerts & social activities.

Don Kilday is still buying cattle, running yearlings, taking them clear thru the feedlot & cattle sale.

Henry Koerner enjoys reading & sporting events. Two kids live in Boise & grandkids are in Denver.

Charley & Helen Kirk: "Still living in a twin home at Good Samaritan Village, Loveland Colo. They did a good job of keeping us well this past year, even though pretty well restricted. I am having some health issues including COPD and treatment for a form of Leukemia. Combination of these is I can't walk or breath very well. Helen's my strength, she walks, gardens, exercises and does the shopping. Saw **Bud and Cathy Clemmons** last Friday at a funeral: both looked great."

L

Roy Lilley said **Donice** broke her hip last spring & is doing pretty good, they both are "pretty slow", at 91 he uses a walker, loves CSU sports and the family came from WY, NE, & FL to celebrate his birthday. He enjoyed a call from **John Bigbee**.

Al LaQuay and Sheri (Kolbe) are doing great for a couple of old fogies—hiding out from covid and not getting to travel like they would like to. They don't miss the snow but it is cold there in TX.

Lorene (Pzinski) Linke is back to quilting again, after a 5 year rest. Son Merritt is on the home place, Trey & Tish's houses are close by & Monte on the other end of the ranch. Marina & Chrissy are in Wheatland, WY. Grandson Tel Linke was in a devastating wreck with a train.

Jack Lawrence's son has taken over the ranch. He ran out of gas on the hobby of spur making, but still does rawhide braiding. He remembers well his time in the Rodeo club in 1949.

M

Don & Mitzi Moss enjoyed an RV family reunion in Hayden, CO and made a trip to AZ, mostly to find a few new birds. Good news, Rockies have had great snows, it will help the states downstream. Don had fun following the cowboy winnings and the PRCA finals.

Mike McGinley moved from the NE Sandhill's to their home in town. After a lifetime in ranch country, it was difficult looking out the window & not seeing cows, horses and dogs, but they have adjusted and are comfortable, get lots of company. Burt Guenin's son stopped by. Mike's son has taken over the place, it's in good hands. He's thankful for the Cowboy Channel on TV.

Don & Diane (Bentley) MacDougall's family rented a van & they all went to Cheyenne for Christmas. He broke a leg & had a bad infection. They had a lot of help from friends & family. Don, 91, says he finally caught up with his IQ!

Carol Maddux has a granddaughter at CSU in the acapella choir. She attended parent's day along with the granddaughter's parents.

Marion (Savage) McDonald is in an assisted living in Centennial, CO where she is closer to her son. She has had a number of falls caused by Parkinson disease.

J.T. McMillen, now a widower for a year, found he had many good friends—calls, cards, meals. He spent a week in NM to bury Node & visit friends & relatives. At home he has cats & doves to keep him company, reads, watches sports & his huge collection of movies.

Vic Munsey had a computer failure, had to buy a new one, & is suffering thru the challenges of new programs. He does some wood carving & takes care of **Shere**.

Doc Munson is pitching hay & chopping ice for his 2 old saddle horses. No TV so he's reading all the books he's had for 40 years.

Tim Mantle writes: "this is like facing a stiff wind on a cold morning, losing Lonnie, I washed the front of nearly all my shirts-and still thinking, regressing, mourning, remembering—tough but suppose will arrange peace with myself.

Don Macy: Everything here is much the same, we have survived Covid so far. Busy with new projects and looking forward to this year. Enjoyed fishing in Alaska and Montana last year. My daughter, Sloan, joined my son Parker, and me in our development business to keep it a family affair.

Lance & Joyce Milligan had two sessions of grandkids and great grandkids (6) for Thanksgiving & Christmas. They came from TX, WA, & AK. She talks to her sister about 2 hours every nite, Lance watches TV.

Dick & Barbara (Mencimer) Maxfield: " are retiring from property management after 33 years. We are proud to have provided safe, sanitary affordable housing for residents of Greeley all these years. We are blessed with good health, have no travel plans this year—and I am waiting for my Tesla Y to appear this spring!"

O

Don & Jo (Hamil) Ostwald traveled to AZ to watch the Rockies in training camp, a trip to Texas to visit friends & family along the way, a camping & fishing trip to French Creek, WY & and to MT for a memorial for classmate Bill Tietz, including a visit with grandson at MT State.

P

Frank & Mary Pierz are fine & looking forward to a better year in 2022.

Keith & Kathie Perry celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary last July. They have 8 great-grandchildren with a new baby girl joining them in Jan. They are still doing well in WY. They avoided the covid so far. She quilts.

Marian (Overmeyer) Pierson had a broken ankle which took 3 screws and 2 plates to fix. One of the screws is now broken & loose—made the mistake of telling her son—"Mom, we always knew you had a screw loose!" Laughter is the best medicine. **Vic** had some skin cancer issues but is doing well & plays lots of golf.

Mary Ann (Samchuck) Pickering & her son were headed for AZ taking the cattle down. Last year it was too dry so did not take cattle. She enjoys the AZ weather!

Judy (Blatt) Phillips had covid, but not bad, enjoys yoga, bridge & reading. She is the bionic woman-2 knees, 1 hip & 2 shoulders—and everything is working.

Dave Peterson, after 44 years, has retired as Rural Appraiser in CO & WY, & **Rita** as the Office Manager. During those years he attained the Accredited Farm Manager and Accredited Rural Appraiser designation through the Am. Soc. Of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers. He also served on the Board of Directors of that organization & served as National President in 1984.

R

Dwain & Barb (Austin) Radke go to Kearney, NE where grandson is a nurse practitioner. They have 4 grandkids there. A daughter is a critical care nurse in Albuquerque. Dwain's doing a lot of therapy for his back, and she cooks & cooks & cooks.

Tony Roosevelt: After an Ag Degree from Colorado A&M, I landed in the oil & gas business - Go Figure! Been doing that now for about 62 years - in the Rockies, Mid-Continent and Texas - and married to the same lovely lady all those years. Still at it - but the ups and downs of this business may get me yet - we'll see. Like all of us, don't have too much time left to find out.

S

Tom & Betty (Gerber) Skillman celebrated son Bob's birthday with the first dinner out since the Covid. 36 of the family met in Holden Beach, NC for a family reunion. Aug. saw the arrival of a new great granddaughter.

Jean (Parker) Saltz: "My life is very full and I am blessed to enjoy good health, strength & energy still walking & swimming as much as possible. I enjoy my hobbies of quilting & working on photo albums to maintain family memories. My faith & trust in Jesus Christ gives me peace & strength, without him I am nothing. My large family is the most important thing in my life."

Shirley (Bostron) Stoner says nothing has changed from last year. She's staying close to home & keeping out of trouble!! She's hopeful this crazy health situation will change in 2022.

Chuck Sylvester: After a 3 year battle with Squamous Cell Carcinoma he is cancer free!!! He got the vax but that didn't stop bronchitis in June and Covid in Dec. Double great news, his CSU alma mater first humbled him with induction into the CSU Rodeo Hall of Fame, then during the CSU Homecoming, the 50 Year Club recognized him with their "Exceptional Achievement for the NW".

Evelyn (Novak) Scott is still in Kiowa and doing well. She has a wonderful community with good friends & family.

John Salazar is living with his daughter. He walks the dog when the weather is nice & watches sports on TV.

John Smartt is still kicking, but not too high. He watches lots of school sports where grandkids are participating. He goes out to lunch each day & watches Cowboy Channel TV.

Bill & Annalies Stephens still live in the same house and their son watches out for them. Their entertainment is going to Dr. & the store---lots of snow in Gypsum.

Teddy (Evans) Stoddard is hibernating, staying away from the covid. She had a hip replacement & is still having some balance challenges. It was minus 19 & the wind blowing in Baker, MT.

Joe Stevens stayed buckled in for the covid, just going to the store. He watches a lot of sports on TV and enjoys Western Mysteries.

Marion & Vi Stanley lost Tom, their oldest son, to covid on New Year's Eve. He was a policeman in CA.

Jim Savoini says he's having a dang good life. His brother lives about 100 yards away from him, a daughter is in Durango & son in Herford, TX. He talks to **Brad Tate** now & then & he really enjoys the Cowboy Channel TV.

Don Svedman loves to read & **Eleanor** plays bridge, they are doing just fine.

T

Don Tolman is wintering pretty good, the cattle are on winter range, the grandkids do most of the work & spoil him to death. He doesn't do much veterinary work, kind of semi-retired. He's pretty lucky!

Tommy Thompson's grandson, **Coy Thompson**, won 2nd at World Series Team Roping - \$176,000!

Bill & Joan (Grant) Taussig: Another year of staying home, doing nothing and going nowhere. **Charlie Vail** attended the Equine Practitioners Meeting in Nashville. Fishing, reading, loving family and LEMC are treasures & time with exceptional friends crowned his year. **Jean** has challenges with feet & ankles. Church, reading and grandchildren continue to be her joy.

Patti (Harker) Vick keeps busy, has friends that have been jabbed so they go to dinner once a week and get caught up with and about family & friends. And there are always puzzles & lots of interesting books to read.

Tom Tuell is pretty crippled up. He's at an assisted living place in Grand Junction where they take good care of him. He loves football on TV.

W

Tom Watt: It is cold here in MN. The high yesterday was minus 9 & minus 25 last nite. Brrr. But the good news we leave for Florida tomorrow, back in April.

Jim Wilcox's youngest son John sent along a picture of Jim & said he is now living near them in Saint Paul, MN. He has managed to dodge the Covid & is doing well.

Gary White asks "Do you remember the Rodeo Club dances we used to have in Wellington? Remember the Hadley Barrett dances with Jim Reeve & the next year with George Morgan & Little Jimmy Dickens?"

Cheryl (Chytry) Whiteman volunteers at the CSU Research station working in the lab, she works alone, so away from Covid. She & a neighbor walk & go out to lunch.

Bill & Joan (Blevins) Warner are alive & well in an assisted living in Santa Fe, NM.

Bill & Donna Ward are still battling the Virus. They had first 2 shots & were scheduled for boosters when they tested positive. They had the Monoclonal infusion, tested positive again and quarantined for 20 days. Between that & battling his Leukemia, life's been uneventful. Golden years have turned to Rust!

Maradith (Ensor) Wilkins stays at home most of the time. Rusty passed away in January & a graveside service will be held, but the Celebration of Life will be later when it is safe to gather.

XYZ

Don & Marlen Yates said **Jim & Carma Hale** stopped by on their way to TX. Their son from Virginia visited in Oct. and again at Christmas time. They love the Cowboy Channel on TV—they follow their favorite cowboys & cowgirls & nephew Trey Yates who made the NFR again in 2021. Numerous trips for radiation and chemo during Aug. & Sept. seem to have positive results for Don.

Dick Yates won a little money at the World Series Team Roping. He watched grandson Trey Yates win \$60,000 at NFR roping. JD & Trey have both won World Championships & Kelly is doing good in the barrels.

RODEO CLUB ALUMNI 1960 & BEYOND

A

Sally Armstrong had a Happy New Year chat yesterday with her old friend and teammate **Leota Hielscher**. Her big news is she plans to move to KS later this year to be near her daughter and son in law. Someday she might be old!

Laura Ames has been busy with events at work and has spent a lot of time skiing this winter. She is looking forward to starting her planning for the 2022 Mountain States Circuit Finals Rodeo.

B

Rick Brase says the big event in their lives this past year was the birth of their first grandchild. A boy. It's been fun getting to know him. He didn't get to Fort Collins last year but did spend a week in the Grand Junction area. They have been successfully dodging the virus so far.

John Bell: Sorry to report my sister Kimmie (Jingle Bell) Ridley has passed away. She did college rodeo at CSU in 77 and 78. Probably one of the first women to haze at the college finals in Bozeman in 1977. She hazed for me in 76 and 77 when I was going to school at UNC in Greeley and hazed for me at Bozeman in 1977.

MaryAnn Bledsoe: Things are good in Sheridan aside from frigid temps early in January. Sheridan, like most of the west is dry. This summer, during Rodeo week in July, we're having Cowboy Cache—a wonderful shopping extravaganza of western art, hats, fancy duds and more. Plan to visit WY then!! Best wishes to CSU friends.

C

Gary & Sarah Carlstrom: We are really sad at the loss of **Jerome Robinson**. We've both known him for 50 years. Gary since college and me since he introduced Gary and me at the Ardmore, Oklahoma rodeo in 1970. He was such a great guy and will be so missed. Luckily, the four buddies from college and bull riding days got together in September at the Pro rodeo Hall when **Randy Witte** was inducted. They also got together in 2019 when Jerome was inducted.

Mike Callicrate: We're busy cutting up meat at Ranch Foods Direct. Trying hard to keep up with the pandemic demand for processing. Missing my friend, **Jerome Robinson**.

Ron Cole: Nothing new to add except that now we have a 19 year old granddaughter in College in TX, a grandson graduating high school in CO, a freshman, 8th grader and 2 grader, all girls in school as well. Keeps us busy trying to keep up with all their activities in TX and Colorado.

Vicki (Callnon) Callicrate had a stroke that has left her weak, so she does not drive. A very caring neighbor helps her.

D

Kyle Dickens: Not a lot going on here. I'm running a small fleet of trucks here and still rodeoing a little bit.

F

Kathy Flinn: Nothing new! Just in Greeley! I'm in good health. Doing a lot of reading. Also Ancestry for my family Information.

G

Kristen Grave: My grandparents (**Lance & Joyce Milligan**) are weathering the Nebraska Fall/Winter and getting along just fine! We just saw them for Christmas which was so lovely. We will be taking the month of January off to visit the rest of our family we haven't seen for 2 years.

Frank Grant: Not much news from here in Banner, WY. Temps have been up and down since before Christmas. Last week it was -14 on Thursday morning and then hit +53 the next afternoon! Was 60 today.. Very dry. Planning on having a reunion for and Central Rocky Mountain rodeo contestants and others during CSU rodeo the first of April.

H

Jim Hilzer continues to work as an Account Executive for Wrangler Jeans. They live on a few acres outside of Windsor where they enjoy riding, roping and enjoying the Colorado outdoors!

Mark & Linda (Hiestand) Howes: We are busy with the Double H Ranch Saddle Shop. Mark makes custom saddles and everything for the Working Cowboy or Cowgirl. I keep the shop full of Silk Scarves.

Bruce Hollaway: Everything is good in Bella Vista, AR. Weather here is going to be rain and some snow on Saturday but no ice...that's good. I'm good and healthy and hoping we get to come to a reunion.

Leota Hielscher, whose daughter teaches Environmental Law at CU, is living with her. They enjoy the Cowboy Channel TV, their favorite being Saddle Bronc Riding.

Moneta Harmon raises a few cows. Husband Clyde passed away in Oct but she has 3 precious children that look after her.

I

Angela Iacolucci: Colorado is getting it together slowly but surely with the start of 2022. Very cold and snowy here. Got our boys out for some sledding with the horses this morning and it was a hit!

J

Chase Johnston: I've just been working and my wife and I are raising twin boys (Now 8). They have been riding and learning to rope some. We have some young horses we are trying to make for the boys to ride one day

K

Don Kocis and his wife **Jeanne (Nelson)** have been married for 54 years. They met while students at CSU in 1963, and have 3 great adult children that have married to wonderful spouses. These unions have given Don and Jeanne 7 terrific grandchildren. "Our frequent family gatherings of the 15 of us are fun, loving celebrations. All thanks to the chance meeting at CSU in 1963"

Betty (Wulff) Kloeckler lost my husband of 51 years in 2021. Still living in Checotah, OK, raising commercial Angus cattle with my son. Doing a little barrel racing for fun. Love reading Barb's posts, bring back memories of CSU days!

Brad Kreikemeier: Things are going well in Fort Collins and I am in my 20th year working for Bank of Colorado. After moving from Colorado Springs, rodeo is not as much in my daily life, but I enjoy seeing your posts on occasion, as I am friends with many of the Old Aggie's. I am not sure how I originally got on your list, maybe it was because I am a supporter of CSU, but I actually graduated from the University of Wyoming where I rodeoed.

L

Anna Lassiter: While this winter break has been much needed, I have stayed busy! While working to get this semester ready for our 2022 Skyline Stampede, I have also been working at the CSU ERL as well as spending time with family and friends. We have a great outlook on this spring semester and are ready to tackle another year!

Steve Lange was set back a little to hear from you about **Jerome's** passing!

M

Shirley Hett Mackey: In Buffalo, SD, Jan. 1 is 4 above zero but no wind to speak of, so not so bad. Then we get some temps in the low 30's for a couple of day's followed by some subzero weather for a while. Spring is just around the corner! Certainly better to have a little snow on the ground so there won't be fires

Sheila (Jergensen) McHugh

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Colorado. We had a Glorious Holiday Season celebrating with our adult children, Amanda, Michael and Joy (daughter in law)! Thank you always for keeping us in the loop with the Old Gang!!!

Becky (Fuch) Mahoney: Just super busy with a private teaching job tutoring young SPED boys and keeping a riding lesson business going at my place in Florence. I post clinics and business on my Facebook page, "Becky's Horse and Rodeo Basics". I'm still breakaway and team roping, and running barrels.

John & Barbara Messineo: John has been in Fort Collins since 1969 when he came back to CSU. He and Barb still have their collection of rodeo pictures from when they took and sold photos to contestants. They have 40-50 thousand other photos on file from their Stock Photo business. They also produced photos and/or articles for Newsweek, Successful Farming, Western Horseman, Rodeo Sports News and numerous other publications. And he still has his rodeo gear stashed away.

Jenny McGraw After a 35 year career in real-estate in Colorado, a short run in fisheries, 8 years in hospitality, including 2 years owning and managing an Airbnb on the Sea of Cortez in Baja, Mexico, I've settled into the small community of Hereford, Arizona. Located in SE Arizona, we focus on our pets and gardening with quick trips now and then back to Colorado to visit my daughter.

Bonnie McPherson has 16 acres in Paradise, TX, it's pasture for her horses. She no longer rides, the result of an accident with her horse, but she loves taking care of them. Bonnie keeps in contact with her old friend from CSU Rodeo team, **Betty (Wulff) Kloeckler**.

Nichole (Wogman) McKay is in Lewiston, ID working at a Vet Clinic. Her son is in grad school in KY, and daughter at Sam Houston State where she rodeos.

N

Jim Nichols: Still hanging out here in Wickenburg/Morristown, AZ, the team roping capital of the world! I put on two roping's per week, Friday and Saturdays at Western Trails Ranch. Trade a few horses every year and enjoy the 70 degree weather we are having now. Sorry to hear of the loss of another friend and mentor, **Jerome Robinson**. The man was a legend and he taught a lot of the ole CSU gang a lot about rodeo and life in general! He will truly be missed!

O

Raylene (McWilliams) Owen just had a second snow for the week. Greatly needed & appreciated. Yes, the wheat is giggling over the moisture, but she is all giggly over the price per bushel for wheat. Highest she has ever seen!

P

Russ Pratt: Sorry I hadn't replied. I had Quad bypass surgery and hadn't paid attention to emails. Doing a lot better now.

Greg & Pam (Luellen) Pope although not actively rodeoing any longer, they still raise & train some colts & sell some high quality hay. Their daughter is still competing as are their two grandchildren. He retired from banking after 30 years, but retirement hasn't quite "stuck" yet.

R

Don Romer: Every January I go with a group of 24-30 Christian men to the Mexico side of the border to build what we can to make things better for them. Rio Bravo is what has a hold of my heart since first going there in 2007. Just got back home, will send some pics when I get settled.

Kathy ((Dalton) Reichenberger: My 3 daughters and I attended the National Finals in Las Vegas to celebrate my granddaughter Taylor's 21st birthday. Never get tired of seeing outstanding cowboys and cowgirls and the challenge of outstanding stock. Just needed the music turned down a notch.

Glenn Rodewald continues ranching in the Craig area, feeding cows and trying to stay away from the Covid. The Cowboy Channel & news is about all he watches on TV

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Former CSU Rodeo/Livestock Club members **Tom Sellman** (class of 63 Animal Science) and **Ruby Hutchinson Jones Sellman** (Class of 1963 Business Administration) re-connected after losing their spouses and currently live in Fort Collins, Colorado in the summer and Surprise, Arizona in the winter. Loving retired life – no frozen stock tanks, bitter cold calving, feeding frozen hay, driving on icy roads, etc., only doing what we HAVE to!

Whitney Simmons: I am looking forward to a trip to Arizona in February. Both of my horses are qualified for the Royal Crown incentive race and roping down there at Buckeye so I intend to make the most of that awesome opportunity. Any chance to head to warmer weather I am all in!

Wayne Schaaf: This really isn't news, but you wanted a picture and it is old news. Last April Cat (his horse) and I won a Team Sorting Jackpot at Cave Creek, AZ.

Swansons, Terry DVM '67 and Elaine "Peachie" (Ewing) '66 reporting in from our family "compound", Sedalia, CO. Living on "campus" here with son Roy & wife & 2 grandkids all sharing horses, barn chores and arena - pure fun chaos!!! TDS still an active veterinarian and "chasing" steers when time allows, I enjoy a bit of gardening and we both find pleasure in whatever the kids are up to. Healthy, busy and blessed!!

Kristen Schmidt: Lots of life changes in my corner of the world! I recently started a new job at Nutrien, relocated back to Weld County, got engaged and my fiancé and I purchased our first home! So many blessings! One of my favorites is that our new house is just a stone's throw away from Coach Brandon and his family!

T

Joan (Harker) Todd writes: Doug and I are blessed to still live on the home place and run feeder cattle. Look for our granddaughter, Tylor Todd's, picture on the side of the Cinch truck should it pass your area. She was the World Champion All Around Cowgirl at the National High School Rodeo Finals last year.

UVW

Tom Watt and Sherry celebrated their 60th Anniversary in June. She graduated from Hamline UI in St Paul, MN. Blind date when stationed at Ft Snelling Minneapolis. One of my goals in life was to marry a tall cowgirl, instead I married a short farm girl. Lucky me.

Randy Witte: As for **Marsha** and me, we're planning to show three Longhorn heifers at National Western Stock Show this coming week, and that will probably be our swan song for that. It has gotten hard for us to get ready and go, and the Denver traffic is the main obstacle. We've shown horses and cattle there for 50 years, and Marsha's grandfather and grandmother, Marshall and Mavis Peavy, showed there for many years, back in the days when they took their entries to the stock yards by train from Steamboat Springs.

Corky Warren broke a hip & had it replaced, had covid, a heart attack and a stroke all in one month. He's recouping slowly—Too damn slow for his liking!

Thank you to all for the wonderful updates and your continued interest in CSU Rodeo and the tradition you've all helped to create. The CSU Rodeo family is special and has a bright future!