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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dean Elliott

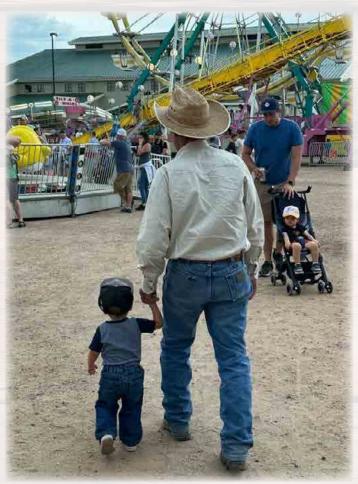


Welcome to the 107th Douglas County Fair & Rodeo. I think it is very important to recognize the commitment that so many make year-round to ensure an event like ours happens. The tremendous dedication by the 4-H and FFA exhibitors, the Professional Rodeo contestants, and the agriculturally based contributors from all over that spend hours on their projects, their animals, and their lifestyle to bring the very best to our Fair & Rodeo. The Fair Board and all those who help make this event happen have been very busy since the closing day of last year's Fair & Rodeo, giving countless hours to make your experience a memorable one. I want to take this opportunity to tip my hat to each of them and thank them for their unparalleled support and collaboration.

The Douglas County Fair & Rodeo is steeped in tradition and each year new customs are started. It is the hope of the Fair Board that you and your family make our Fair & Rodeo a summer tradition that is not only shared now, but well into the future. We start our annual event with a cattle drive through Castle Rock and follow that with an evening concert. The next day is the traditional Fair Parade followed by several activities throughout the fairgrounds, including the carnival. Sunday will feature a Farm-to-Table event, numerous educational activities for kids, and some new events, all joined by carnival fun. The youth livestock shows will be conducted Tuesday through Friday, culminating in the Jr. Livestock Sale on Friday evening. The Marketplace will feature a variety of vendors and traditional Fair crafts of quilting, canning, 4-H projects, and horticulture. Every bit of space on the fairgrounds is utilized to showcase the best of Douglas County agriculture and western heritage. The second weekend will also include PRCA Rodeo performances, carnival fun, and the Barn Dance. The award-winning Douglas County Fair & Rodeo strives to celebrate the western heritage and agricultural underpinnings that make Douglas County, Colorado great. A continuing focus each year is to educate our attendees about the need for agriculture, farming, and ranching. The Fair Board believes the best way to learn is through a variety of experiences, whether through presentations, lectures, or hands-on, and each area of the Fair & Rodeo has elements to facilitate that education. A tremendous source of education is the actual exhibitor and you should ask them questions as you see things that are new to you. Not only can we grow through learning, this helps build skills within our youth to develop confidence in interacting with others.

As I started this message, this Fair & Rodeo is truly a team activity among the County Commissioners, County staff, the Fair Board, the Fair Foundation, and all the volunteers who work tirelessly to provide you, the attendee, with a memorable experience. It all happens because of the passion each person has to honor our traditions.

It is my sincere hope that each of you enjoys your Fair & Rodeo experience and travel home with a deeper understanding of the western heritage and agricultural roots we celebrate. The Douglas County Fair & Rodeo would not be the celebration it has become if not for your continued support. For those who are here for the first time, **Welcome!**



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Welcome to the award-winning 2025 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo - Friday, July 25, through Sunday, Aug. 3

You love living in Douglas County because it's far more than just a home. It's a community. Few events bring people together – from Larkspur to Parker, Deckers to Highlands Ranch, Sedalia to Castle Rock – more than the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo. Here, on the historic grounds, you'll discover a place close to home where our western heritage and agricultural history meet delectable farm-to-table cuisine, powerhouse entertainment, simple joys, and a can-do community spirit! That's Douglas County...and that's the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo.

It all kicks off on Friday, July 25, with a live concert as Academy of Country Music and CMT Award-nominated artist Dustin Lynch takes to the high-above-the-ground performance platform. The band Lakeview opens the show at 7:30 p.m.

Also, in this year's lineup are all the community favorites! Join us on Sunday, July 27, at 10 a.m. for the Farm to Table Brunch, where the true spirit of farm-to-table shines as Coast2Coast presents a one-of-a-kind brunch experience where the story of food takes center stage.

And the 2025 Fair & Rodeo wouldn't be complete without the great western tradition of ProRodeo. Get up close as professional cowboys from every corner of the U.S. come together to rope, wrangle, and hold on for 8 seconds. And support 4-H youth by joining us for the Junior Livestock Sale on Friday, Aug. 1, at 6:30 p.m.

You'll find a lineup of exciting events for everyone in your family, including carnival rides; 4-H exhibits; creative arts bake sale, quilt judging and more; marketplace shopping; mouth-watering fair food; mutton bustin'; the pie-eating contest; a petting zoo; stick horse rodeo; an "Unbridled Rodeo" for guests of all ages with special needs, and a delicious pancake breakfast.

All this would not be possible without each of the generous Fair & Rodeo Sponsors, dedicated community volunteers, our 4-H youth and their families, the Douglas County Fair Board and Fair Foundation Board, our CSU/Douglas County Extension staff, and County staff -- whose collective passion and devotion to this event is beyond our greatest expectations. Together, we deliver on our promise to give you the premier annual event in Douglas County!

We hope you will find many big and small reasons to enjoy all the 2025 County Fair & Rodeo has to offer you and your family. We can't wait to celebrate and make memories alongside you and your families.

Most Sincerely,

Your Board of Douglas County Commissioners Abe Laydon, George Teal and Kevin Van Winkle



DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR & RODEO

GENERAL GUEST CONDUCT

- **Smoking and/or vaping** is prohibited in public buildings or within 100' of any building entrance.
- Personal golf carts, ATVs, motorized scooters, or bicycles are prohibited on the Fairgrounds during County Fair.
- Dogs are not allowed on the Fairgrounds during the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo except for those dogs that are competing or performing during the Fair. Under the ADA regulations, assistance animals are permitted.
- **Alcohol** is not to be brought onto the grounds. Alcohol will only be permitted in designated areas of the Fairgrounds.
- · Fireworks are not allowed on the Fairgrounds.
- Flyers and/or sale bills may not be passed out in any areas of the Fairgrounds except within a paid vendor booth space.
- · Placing flyers on automobiles is prohibited.
- Parking vehicles for advertising purposes or sale of a vehicle is prohibited.
- Any public display of photos or video of any Douglas County Fair event, concert, or rodeo for public dissemination without express written consent from Douglas County is strictly prohibited.
- Douglas County Fair may take photos of guests, contestants, employees, and volunteers. These photos shall be the property of Douglas County and may be used by Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Management for educational and/or promotional materials.
- All guests, contestants, and participants are subject to a search by security personnel.
- All ticket sales are final—there are no credits, refunds, or exchanges. Douglas County Fair retains the right to refuse admittance to anyone.
- Unauthorized flying of drones is prohibited.

CARE AND TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

The Douglas County Fair & Rodeo is committed to the proper care and treatment of all livestock associated with the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo. We strive to promote and preserve our Western Heritage in the safest manner for our animals, exhibitors, contestants and guests. Management and personnel of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo have extensive knowledge and understanding in all sectors of the livestock industry as well as the sport of rodeo. These people routinely put the needs of the livestock before their own.

Our rodeo performances are proudly sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA), the largest and oldest rodeo sanctioning body in the world. Together, the management of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo and the PRCA enforce more than 70 rules that govern the care and treatment of livestock participating in rodeo events; these are the strongest rules enforced by any rodeo organization. ProRodeo Officials, as well as the on-site veterinarian assess each animal prior to competition to ensure all livestock are well-suited and fit for competition. In addition to monitoring the livestock prior to the competition, a veterinarian is on-site during each performance.

Junior Division Livestock Shows and educational programs promote hands-on learning and help develop life skills. Hard work, dedication, respect and responsibility learned from an interaction with animals, aids youth in developing into tomorrow's leaders. Exhibitors adhere to competition rules and a code of conduct, ensuring the safety and welfare for animals and exhibitors alike.

The Douglas County Fair & Rodeo is proud to be continuing the western way of life and will continue to address issues, especially livestock welfare, with a productive approach. We would like to thank Littleton Equine Medical Center for being the official veterinarian of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo.













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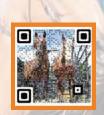


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THE BELL FAMILY

Contributions and Impact on the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo

In 1946 Darrell Bell entered the Douglas County Rodeo for the first time. Since that time, there has been at least one Bell family member who has participated and/or volunteered at the Douglas County Fair each year. That's more than 70 years, and still counting, in fact the fourth generation of the family is now involved. There have been several family 4-H exhibitors; several Bells as rodeo contestants; many family members who have volunteered to help with the rodeo, the Jr. Livestock Sale, the Young Farmers & Homemakers concession stand at Kirk Hall and the Cowboy Church Service. Family members have also been buyers at the annual 4-H Jr. Livestock auction for several years. There have also been two Bells, Darrell & Cap, who served a combined 34 years on the Douglas County Fair Board. It's therefore appropriate that the entire "Bell Family" is included in this article.

As mentioned, Darrell & Bonnie Bell started the string in 1946 when Darrell first participated in the Fair & Rodeo. Since that time, there has only been one year that a family member hasn't competed in a Douglas County Rodeo. In fact, one year there were 9 different Bells that competed in the Hometown Rodeo. (The Hometown Rodeo Team Roping is now named the Darrell Bell Memorial Team Roping in honor of his contributions). In 1955, Darrell became a member of the Fair Board with Bonnie working at his side. He served 15 years in that capacity. They have 4 children. Darrell & Bonnie are most proud of the fact that all of their kids graduated from college. They also are proud of the fact that all four competed in Douglas County 4-H, Douglas County Rodeos, High School Rodeos, Little Britches Rodeos, College Rodeos, and PRCA (RCA) Rodeos. Their kids and their families are:

KIRK (Cap) & LINDA BELL: Cap & Linda both participated in Douglas County 4-H. They also competed in RCA rodeo (now PRCA) as well as the Douglas County Rodeo for several years. Cap served for 19 years on the Fair Board with Linda's support (Cap was a third generation family member to serve on the Fair Board. His grandfather (Bonnie's Father) John Hammond and his dad Darrell Bell preceded him). For two of those years, Cap was the Fair Board President, the Sale Committee Chair and the Rodeo Committee Chair all at the same time. Linda was essential help for Cap in handling the many responsibilities, especially during that time. Cap & Linda have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren: Katie (daughter) and Sam McClure, Cap, Sophie and Brooks McClure; Macy, Cooper and Clay Fargen. Kara (daughter), and Eddie, Ty, Emry and Rigby Schwalm. Tyler (son) and Julie, Slater Bell.

KEN (Squeech) & DEBBIE BELL: As a youth, Ken exhibited 4-H beef cattle and horses. Then as a young adult he also competed in the Steer Wrestling event at the PRCA Rodeo for several years. Ken & Debbie live in Eaton, Colorado and have been active in community organizations there. Ken & Debbie have 2 children and 7 grandchildren: Blake (son) and Rachael, Lakelee, Hayes, Karter and Meier Bell. Emily (daughter) and Joey, Mitch, Crew and Saylor Hawthorn.

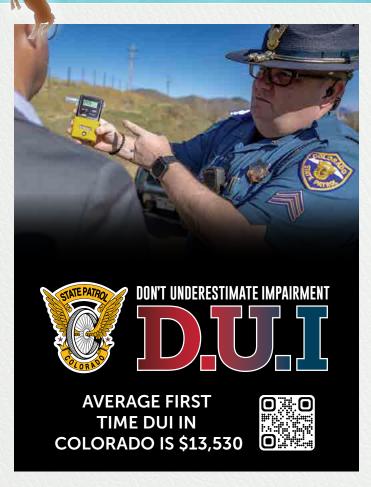
KIM (Jingle) & ANDY RIDLEY: Jingle participated several years in Douglas County 4-H and Rodeo. Jingle moved to St. Onge, South Dakota and has lived and worked on her husband Andy's family ranch.

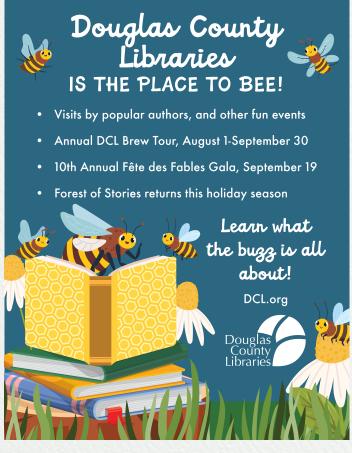
JOHN & PATTY BELL: both participated in the fair since the 1960's. They were both in 4-H, exhibiting beef cattle and horses in the halter classes. Patty has entered flowers and baked goods almost every year since the 1980's. Their children Sara and Matt were involved in showing hogs through their 4-H years during the 1990's. The Bells have organized and conducted the Cowboy Christian Church Service, held on the last Sunday of fair, for approximately 35 years. John participated in the rodeo starting out in the goat-tying event for children. Then as a teen participating in the Douglas County calf roping event to eventually participating in some of the timed events in the PRCA Rodeo as a young adult. The Hometown Rodeo has been a family tradition for many years. John has participated in the Hometown Rodeo almost every year since its inception in the 1980's. Other family members who have competed in the Hometown Rodeo include Daughter Sara (Will) Parker, granddaughter Sophia Parker, grandson Gunner Parker and granddaughter Alyssa Mae Bell. Also, their son Matt Bell and daughter- in- law Heather Bell have competed successfully, winning many awards and prizes in recent years.

If a book were to be written about the Douglas County Fair, several chapters could be dedicated to the contributions and impact that the Bell Family has made to our Fair & Rodeo. The Bell Family was recognized and inducted on the Douglas County Wall of Honor in 2017.

All of the Bell family would like to thank the Fair Board and all the volunteers who have made this event such a great, enjoyable tradition. Good luck to all the 2025 Fair & Rodeo participants!











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CALF is dedicated to connecting ALL people to agriculture through authentic educational experiences, community projects, and leadership opportunities. While pursuing this mission, CALF has hosted more than 30,000 youth learners who gained first-hand knowledge about how and where their food comes from. Thousands of CALF's young volunteers have experienced ranch work and learned how to care for animals and grow crops. Hundreds of young leaders have gained leadership skills while raising livestock, supporting Camp CALF campers, or working as ranch hands. CALF's barns, meadows, animals, tractors, and even the weather offer the perfect classroom for young people to learn the value of hard work, gain confidence, hone a sense of responsibility, and develop problem-solving skills.

CALF also partners with the DC Fair Foundation and the DC 4-H Foundation to help bring awareness of 4-H and its impactful programs to the thousands of learning in the field students and other visitors to CALF each year.







No Ranch! No Problem! CALF also has a long relationship with the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo. As the county becomes more urbanized, the opportunity for young people to raise livestock continues to shrink. John and Bea Lowell, the lifelong Douglas County couple who donated their ranch to and started CALF, saw the start of this trend in the 1990s. To encourage new members who didn't have a place to properly raise livestock at home, the Lowells began offering 4-H members sheds on their Lowell Ranch to raise sheep and pigs. Since its inception in 2002, CALF has continued and expanded this opportunity through its CALF Kid program. Over 100 4-H or FFA members have benefited from this program, raising chickens, goats, hogs, lambs, steers, and even ducks. Each CALF Kid shows their projects at the Douglas County Fair. Some continue to the Colorado State Fair, and a few exhibit their projects at the National Western Stock Show.

CALF is updating its barnyard with new sheds and barns as part of its bold "Cultivate the Future" campaign. In May, CALF broke ground on the "Larry Carnahan Livestock Barn," a multi-species facility with five enclosed stalls and connected outdoor pens. CALF aims to expand and improve its livestock facilities to house livestock projects for up to twenty-five CALF Kids. CALF also envisions building a new Agricultural Education Center to facilitate agricultural learning year-round.

Discovery Ranch

Douglas County, Douglas County Fair & Rodeo, CALF, and many other organizations are committed to helping our residents and visitors understand and remember Douglas County's rural heritage and the importance of agriculture to our community. Visit Discovery Ranch in Kirk Hall during the Fair. You and your children can be "A Farmer for the Day," learn about the Livestock Brands of Douglas County, beekeeping, and more.

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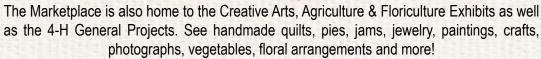
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Something for everyone and an experience in itself; the Marketplace offers a unique shopping opportunity for Douglas County Fair & Rodeo guests. Inside you will find artisans, crafters, treasures from days gone by and boutiques chalked full of trendy western fashion. It's your one-stop shop for — hats, clothing, purses, accessories, home decor, bath & body and so much more! Make sure to stop by the Official Douglas County Fair & Rodeo merchandise booth and take home the perfect souvenir!



















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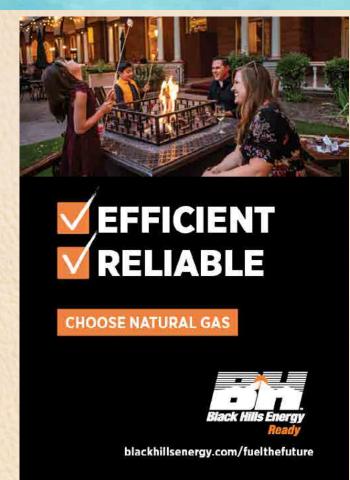
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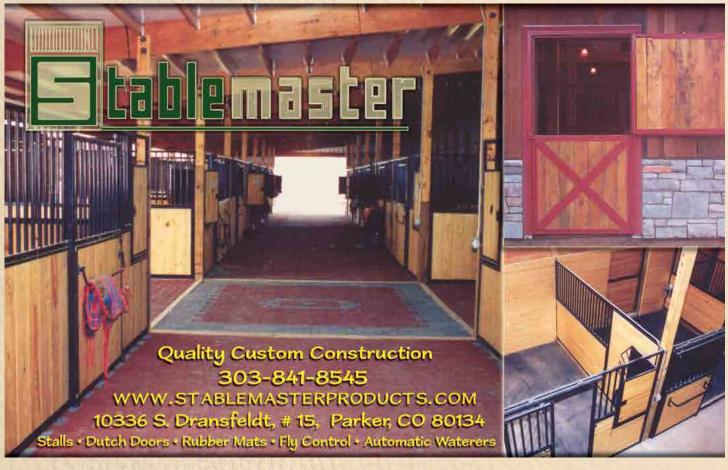
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WHAT IS A RODEO COMPETITION?

Professional rodeo action consists of two types of competitions - roughstock events and timed events - and an all-around cowboy crown. Each competition has its own set of rodeo rules and order of events.

Rodeo 101- Roughstock Events

In the roughstock events bareback riding, saddle bronc riding and bull riding a contestant's score is equally dependent upon his performance and the animal's performance. To earn a qualified score, the cowboy, while using only one hand, must stay aboard a bucking horse or bull for eight seconds. If the rider touches the animal, himself or any of his equipment with his free hand, he is disqualified.

In saddle bronc and bareback riding, a cowboy must "mark out" his horse; that is, he must exit the chute with his spurs set above the horse's shoulders and hold them there until the horse's front feet hit the ground after the initial jump out of the chute. Failing to do so results in disgualification.

During the regular season, two judges each score a cowboy's qualified ride by awarding 0 to 25 points for the rider's performance and 0 to 25 points for the animal's effort. The judges' scores are then combined to determine the contestant's score. A perfect score is 100 points.

Rodeo 101- Timed Events

In timed events steer wrestling, team roping, tie-down roping, barrel racing and steer roping; cowboys and cowgirls at "the other end of the arena" compete against the clock, as well as against each other. A contestant's goal is to post the fastest time in his or her event. In steer wrestling and the roping events, calves and steers are allowed a head start. The competitor, on horseback, starts in a three-sided fenced area called a box. The fourth side opens into the arena.

A rope barrier is stretched across that opening and is tied to the calf or steer with a breakaway loop. Once the calf or steer reaches the head-start point - predetermined by the size of the arena - the barrier is automatically released. If a cowboy breaks that barrier, a 10-second penalty is added.

A downed barrel in Barrel Racing is a five-second penalty added to the contestant's time.



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Bares, Broncs & Bulls – Roughstock at The Rock

Courtesy of Pendleton Whisky Ticketed Event - Outdoor Arena Thursday, July 31 • 7:00 P.M.



Once again, the roughstock events of bareback riding, saddle bronc riding and bull riding will have their own fully sanctioned night in the Outdoor Arena on Thursday, July 31 at Bares, Broncs & Bulls - Roughstock at The Rock. Combining the thrill of Bareback Riding with nothing more to hang on to than a riggin'; rodeo's classic event, Saddle Bronc Riding, and the most dangerous sport on dirt, Bull Riding, this night will be sure to get your adrenaline running. Watch top ProRodeo athletes "make an ugly face and nod" as they compete for their share of the \$200,000+ purse for an eight-second ride.

Patriot ProRodeo

Courtesy of Lifetime Home Remodeling Ticketed Event - Outdoor Arena Friday, August 1 • 7:00 P.M.



Join us in honoring our veterans and military personnel. Show your military ID (active or retired) and receive 1 free rodeo ticket and a commemorative Douglas County Fair & Rodeo limited edition challenge coin. Wear your red, white, and blue and show your support!

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Ride for the Brand ProRodeo

Courtesy of Monks Construction Ticketed Event - Outdoor Arena Saturday, August 2 • 7:00 P.M.



Join us for an unforgettable celebration of Western tradition and community spirit at the Ride for the Brand ProRodeo where we honor the dedicated partners, sponsors, and community members who make our world-class Fair & Rodeo possible year after year. Experience the thrill from our grandstand seating as elite ProRodeo contestants showcase their skills alongside magnificent animal athletes and vie for their share of an impressive \$200,000+ purse, bringing you authentic professional rodeo action right here in Douglas County.

Cowboys for Cops & P.S. Miller Family Day at the Rodeo

Courtesy of Colorado State Patrol Ticketed Event

Sunday, August 3 • 1:00 P.M.

Honoring P.S. Miller and his numerous philanthropic generosities for Douglas County, enjoy discounted pricing on ProRodeo tickets courtesy of Colorado State Patrol while supporting local Law Enforcement Officers. The Colorado State Patrol, Douglas County Sheriff's Department, Castle Rock Police, Lone Tree Police and Parker Police Departments will be recognized. Wear blue and show your support for those who put their lives on the line daily for our safety and security.

Events, 2024 Results and Arena Records



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Bareback Riding – 2024 Winner and tie for Arena Record 90 points Rocker Steiner on Kirsten Vold Rodeo Company's Café Risque *90 points in 2023 Cooper Cooke on Summit Pro Rodeo's Red Feather and Tim O'Connell on Summit Pro Rodeo's Game Trail.



Steer Wrestling – 2024 Winner 3.6 seconds Tucker Allen
*Arena Record 3.5 tied in 2022 Jace Melvin and Kalane Anders in 2018 with original
record set in 2008 (tie) Seth Brockman and Chad Van Campen.



Team Roping – 2024 Winners and new Arena Record 3.7 seconds Tyler Wade & Wesley Thorp



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Events, 2024 Results and Arena Records



Saddle Bronc– 2024 Winner and new Arena Record 91 points Kolby Wanchuk on Summit Pro Rodeo's Cat Walk



Bull Riding – 2024 Winner 87.5 points Scott Wells on Summit Pro Rodeo's Cadilac Kind

*Arena Record 89 points Garrett Smith on Honeycutt Rodeo's Ted in 2022.



Tie Down – 2024 Winner 8.3 seconds Cash Hooper *Arena record 7.8 seconds by Brandon Neugebauer in 2007.





Barrels – 2024 Winner 17.05 Carlee Otero *Arena record 15.91 seconds Sarah Waguespack in 2022.



BUILDING TOMORROW'S PRORODEO STARS: PRCA YOUTH CAMP COMES TO CASTLE ROCK

The future of professional rodeo is in capable hands, thanks to the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) Youth Camps. In its third year at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo, this youth-oriented training is nurturing the next generation of rodeo athletes, fans, and industry supporters through immersive, hands-on experiences that bring young people closer to the heart of America's original extreme sport.

PRCA Youth Camps offer boys and girls ages 8-18 the opportunity to experience both sides of rodeo competition. In the roughstock events, young riders learn the fundamentals of bull riding, bareback riding, and saddle bronc riding under carefully supervised conditions and actual training equipment. The timed events curriculum includes comprehensive instruction in team and tie down roping, and steer wrestling giving campers exposure to a wide spectrum of rodeo competition.

What sets these camps apart is the caliber of instruction. Top-level professional athletes serve as mentors and coaches, sharing not just their technical expertise but their genuine passion for the sport. These world-class competitors understand that rodeo is more than athletic competition—it's about character, perseverance, and respect for both animals and fellow competitors.

More Than Just Skills Training

While participants certainly develop their riding, roping, and wrestling abilities, PRCA Youth Camps emphasize the values that make rodeo special. Young attendees learn about animal care and welfare, sportsmanship, safety protocols, and the rich heritage of Western culture. Many campers discover that their interests extend beyond competing to include aspects like stock contracting, judging, announcing, or sports medicine.

The camps create lasting connections within the rodeo community and for organizations like Douglas County Fair & Rodeo, hosting PRCA Youth Camps represents a significant investment in the sport's future. These events require substantial resources, volunteer coordination, and facility preparation, but the returns are immeasurable. Communities witness firsthand the positive impact these programs have on young people, instilling confidence, work ethic, and leadership skills that extend beyond the arena.

The camps also help sustain local rodeo culture by developing knowledgeable fans who understand and appreciate the sport's nuances. Many participants who don't pursue competition remain lifelong supporters, becoming volunteers, sponsors, and advocates that keep the sport of rodeo thriving.

As the PRCA continues expanding its youth development initiatives, venues like Douglas County Fair & Rodeo play a crucial role in ensuring that professional rodeo's traditions, values, and excitement continue inspiring new generations. Through these camps, the legacy of ProRodeo lives on in the capable hands of America's youth, guaranteeing that the sport's best days lie ahead.











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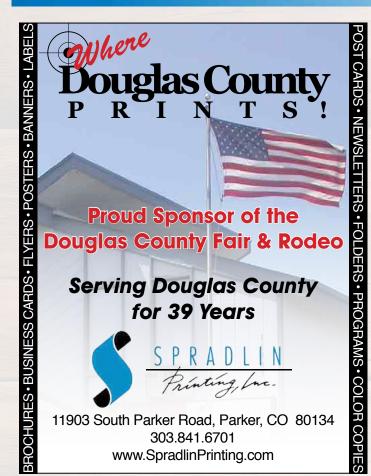


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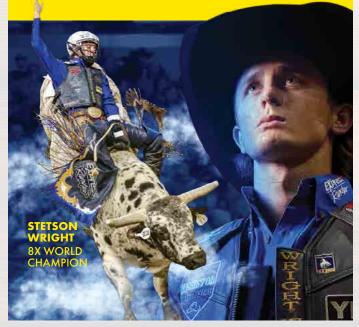
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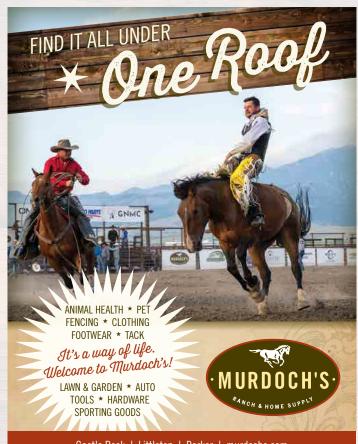




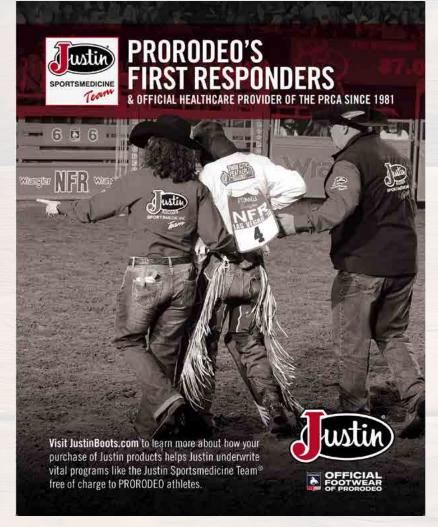
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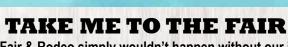


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Wherever you look on the Fairgrounds, you'll likely spot one of the many dedicated individuals who give their time out of true passion. "Thank you" hardly feels like enough. In the following paragraphs, you'll learn about the many roles volunteers play—and maybe even find a role that inspires you to join us.

From the moment you arrive, volunteers are there to welcome you, answer questions, and help your family have a great experience. Whether it's scanning tickets, staffing Information Booths, or assisting with lost and found, their goal is to support you every step of the way.

Behind the scenes, Fair Board members volunteer year-round out of a deep passion for Douglas County's western and agricultural heritage.

In the animal barns, you'll meet Superintendents, assistants, and Jr. Livestock Sale staff—volunteers who dedicate countless hours to guiding youth and keeping the Fairgrounds clean and safe.

Don't hesitate to ask them for help—or say "thank you." Their dedication is what makes the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo such a memorable experience.

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UNBRIDLED JOY: DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY RETURNS TO DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR & RODEO

Developmental Pathways and Douglas County Fair & Rodeo are teaming up once again to host the 2nd Annual Disability Awareness Day on Wednesday, July 30, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This year's event brings exciting changes as it moves to the climate-controlled Indoor Arena, offering guests more space to explore and enjoy the western experience at their own pace.

The Unbridled Rodeo creates a truly unique opportunity for individuals with disabilities to experience the thrill and tradition of rodeo in an accessible, supportive environment. Participants become cowboys and cowgirls for the day as they try their hand at authentic rodeo activities—from roping to barrel racing with interactive props. For those seeking extra excitement, a real mechanical bull offers the perfect challenge.

What makes this event truly special is the personal connection between participants and rodeo professionals. Real cowboys, cowgirls, and local rodeo queens volunteer their time and expertise, sharing their passion for western heritage while helping participants discover new abilities and confidence.

"The Unbridled Rodeo isn't just about experiencing western traditions—it's about breaking barriers and building confidence through new experiences," says Dinah Frey – Director of Community Engagement, Developmental Pathways. "Seeing the smiles when someone successfully throws a lasso or runs the barrel race reminds us why this partnership matters."

Don't miss this heartwarming highlight of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo, where western heritage meets accessibility to create unforgettable memories for all.

For more information or to register, visit DPevents@dpcolo.org











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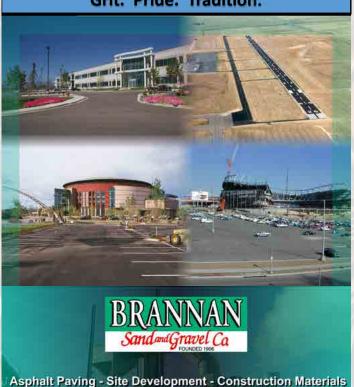


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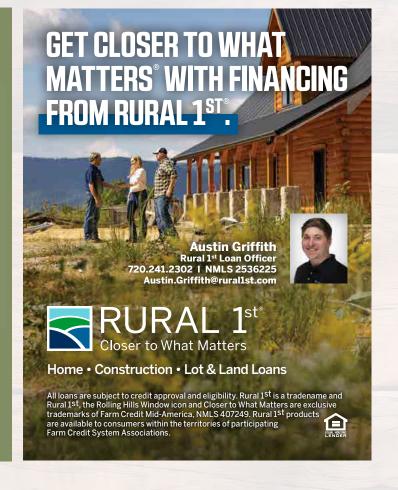


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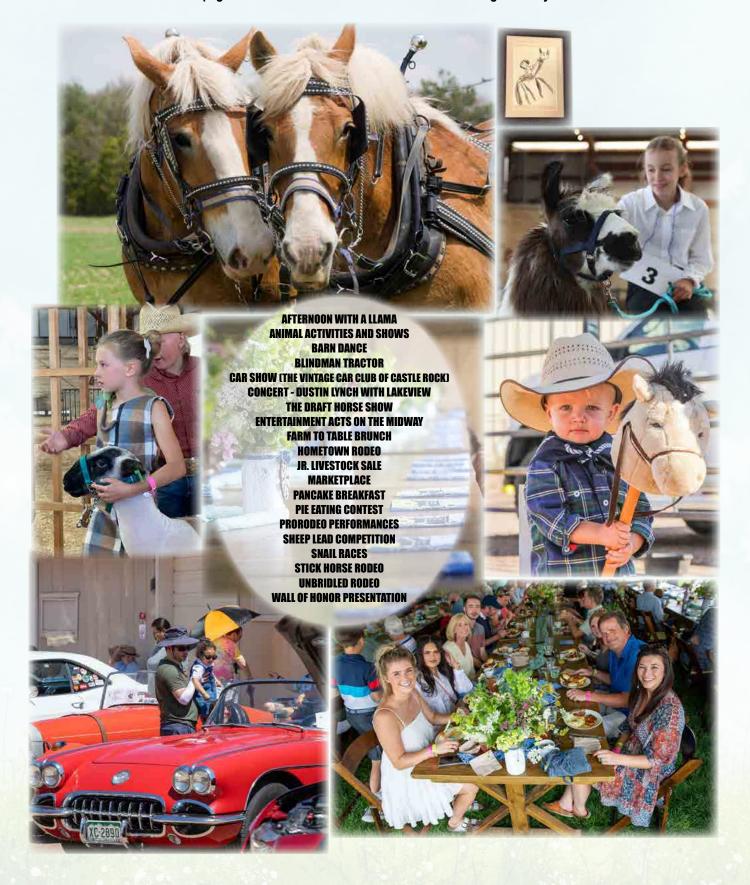
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2025 DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR & RODEO AT-A-GLANCE SCHEDULE

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Friday, July 25, 2025	(Grounds	Admission \$5*)
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4:00-11:00 PM **Grounds Admission Hours**

4:00-11:00 PM Carnival

Marketplace Open 4:00-8:00 PM

7:30-10:30 PM Concert - Dustin Lynch with Lakeview

(Tickets: \$60-75*)

Saturday, July 26 (Grounds Admission \$5*)

Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Parade in 9:30 AM Downtown Castle Rock

11:00 AM-11:00 PM **Grounds Admission Hours** Marketplace Open 11:00 AM-8:00 PM

11:00 AM-11:00 PM Carnival

Stick Horse Rodeo 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

2:00 PM-3:00 PM Mutton Bustin' (pre-registration required)

4:00 PM Hometown Rodeo

(included with grounds admission)

Sunday, July 27, 2025 (Grounds Admission \$5*)

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Farm-to-Table Brunch (Tickets: \$75*) 10:00 AM-4:00 PM Creative Arts Exhibit Entry Receiving 11:00 AM-10:00 PM **Grounds Admission Hours**

11:00 AM-10:00 PM Carnival

11:00 AM-8:00 PM Marketplace Open

The Vintage Car Club of Castle Rock Car Show 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

The Draft Horse Show 2:00-6:30 PM

(included with grounds admission)

Monday, July 28, 2025

9:00 AM Open Division Creative Arts Bake Sale 9:00 AM Creative Arts Open Division Quilt Judging -

Open to Public

Wednesday, July 30, 2025 (Grounds Admission \$5*)

10:00 AM-12:30 PM Unbridled Rodeo (pre-registration required)

Grounds Admission Hours 3:00-10:00 PM

3:00-10:00 PM

5:00-8:00 PM Open Division Ag & Floriculture Exhibit Entry

Receiving

Thursday, July 31, 2025 (Grounds Admission \$5*)

7:00-11:00 AM Open Division Ag & Floriculture Exhibit Entry Receiving

3:00-4:00 PM Mutton Bustin' (pre-registration required) **Grounds Admission Hours** 3:00-11:00 PM

3:00-11:00 PM Carnival

3:00-8:00 PM Marketplace, Creative Arts, Junior Division

General Exhibits Open

3:00-9:00 PM Barns Open

5:00-6:00 PM DCSO K-9 Demonstration

7:00-9:00 PM ProRodeo Roughstock at the Rock

(Tickets: \$35*)

Friday, August 1, 2025 (Grounds Admission \$5*)

11:00 AM-11:00 PM **Grounds Admission Hours**

11:00 AM-11:00 PM Carnival

11:00 AM-8:00 PM Marketplace, Creative Arts, Junior Division

General Exhibits Open

11:00 AM-9:00 PM Barns Open

2:00-3:00 PM Mutton Bustin' (pre-registration required)

DCSO K-9 Demonstration 5:00-6:00 PM 4-H Scholarship Awards 6:00 PM 6:30 PM Junior Livestock Sale

7:00-9:00 PM Patriot Night ProRodeo (Tickets: \$35*)

Saturday, August 2, 2025 (Grounds Admission \$5*)

Grounds Admission Hours 11:00 AM-11:00 PM

11:00 AM-11:00 PM Carnival

Marketplace, Creative Arts, Junior Division 11:00 AM-8:00 PM

General Exhibits Open

11:00 AM-9:00 PM Barns Open

11:00 AM-1:00 PM PRCA Rodeo Youth Camp

(Pre-registration required)

12:00 PM Blindman Tractor Drive

2:00-3:00 PM Mutton Bustin' (pre-registration required)

DCSO K-9 Demonstration 5:00-6:00 PM

ProRodeo in Douglas County (Tickets: \$35*) 7:00-9:00 PM

Barn Dance with Tris Munsick & the Innocents 9:00-11:00 PM

Sunday, August 3, 2025 (Free Grounds Admission)

7:30 AM Church Service -Bring a canned food item!

8:00-10:00 AM Free Pancake Breakfast

Fair Foundation 2025 Wall of Honor 9:00 AM

Induction Ceremony

10:00 AM-6:00 PM Grounds Admission Hours (Free Grounds)

11:00 AM-6:00 PM Carnival

10:00 AM-6:00 PM Marketplace Open

Creative Arts & Junior Division 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

General Exhibits on Display

10:00-11:00 AM Mutton Bustin' (pre-registration required)

Pie Eating Contest 10:00 AM

8:00 AM-3:00 PM Barns Open

Cowboys for Cops ProRodeo (Tickets: \$25*) 1:00-3:00 PM

6:00 PM Fair Closes

*All ticket purchases are subject to additional fees.

**Schedule subject to change.



2025 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Map







2025 DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR & RODEO

4-H Junior Division Animal Activities

7/25/25	8:00 AM	Junior Division Dog Agility
7/26/25	10:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Junior Division Llama Shows
		followed by Afternoon With a Llama
7/26/25	12:00 PM	Junior Division Dog Shows
7/27/25	9:00 AM	Junior Division Horse Show - Showmanship, Trail Western and
		Gymkhana
7/28/25	9:00 AM	Junior Division Horse Show - Working Ranch Indoor Arena
		followed by English
7/29/25	4:00 PM	Junior Division Non-Market Goat Show, Showmanship
		and Utility Goat Show
7/30/25	8:00 AM	Junior Division Swine Showmanship
7/30/25	8:00 AM	Junior Division Rabbit Show (closed to the public)
7/30/25	9:00 AM	Junior Division Poultry Show
7/30/25	10:30 AM	Junior Division Market Beef Show
7/30/25	1:00 PM	Junior Division Sheep Showmanship
		- followed by Breeding Sheep - or 15 minutes following the
		Market Beef Show if Market Beef Show runs late
7/30/25	4:00 PM	Junior Division Breeding Beef Show
7/30/25	6:00 PM	Junior Division Market Swine Show
7/31/25	9:00 AM	Junior Division Market Lamb Show
		- followed by Ranch Raised Classes
7/31/25	9:00 AM	Junior Division Market Poultry Showmanship
7/31/25	1:00 PM	Junior Division Market Goat Show
		- followed by Meat Breeding and Market Goat Showmanship
7/31/25	3:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Junior Division General Exhibits on Display
7/31/25	5:00 PM	Junior Division Beef Showmanship
8/1/25	9:00 AM	Junior Division Master Showmanship
8/1/25	11:00 AM	Junior Division Miniature Equine Show
8/1/25	11:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Junior Division General Exhibits on Display
8/1/25	5:00 PM	Junior Livestock Sale – Buyer Appreciation BBQ
8/1/25	6:30 PM	Junior Livestock Sale
8/2/25	11:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Junior Division General Exhibits on Display
8/2/25	1:00 PM	Junior Division Beef Relay Contest
8/2/25	1:15 PM	Junior Division Goat Quick Draw Milkout and Goat Costume Contest
8/3/25	9:00 AM	Junior Division Small Animal Round Robin
8/3/25	10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Junior Division General Exhibits on Display





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SOFIA FOSS

2025 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Princess

Hello Everyone! My name is Sofia Foss and I am the 2025 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Princess! As a freshman in high school I am 15 years old and have lived in Douglas County since I was just 5 years old, having moved here from a small beach town in Florida. Being the youngest of four, I have one older sister and two older brothers. My sister, Stefanee and I have both been involved in the royalty program in the past by holding titles in 2022 and 2024, and now 2025. My two amazing dogs, Winter and Ruger, keep me busy as well. I also participate in 4-H here in Douglas County where I have previously been involved in Photography, Cake Decorating, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Horse and .22 Rifle. This year I plan to compete at the 2025 Fair in Western Heritage Shooting and Archery.

My interest in horses started when my sister began riding at a barn down the street from my house. My mom also grew up on an Arabian Horse Ranch in Northern California. We then moved to Colorado and I decided that this was my passion and I have not looked back since! When I'm not at the barn with my horse, Annie, I can be found practicing breakaway roping or sharpening my golf skills. I don't know exactly where I want to attend university, but I do have an idea of what I want to do for a career; I'm planning on majoring in Criminal Justice and minoring in Media and Musical Production.

I am looking forward to meeting you at the 2025 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo, July 25-August 3!

ADDISON STANINGER

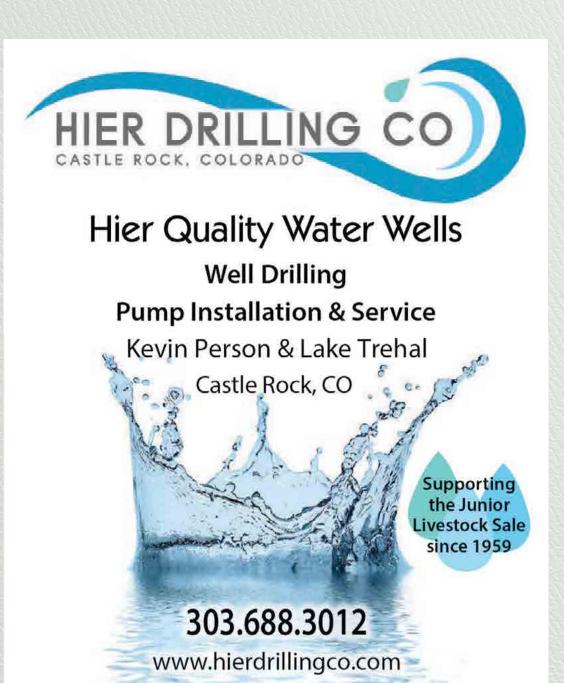
2025 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Princess Attendant

My name is Addison Staninger and I am 14 years old and a freshman in high school. What an honor and privilege it is to be the 2025 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Princess Attendant! When I am not studying for school, riding, or volunteering at my church, you will find me running. As an active 4-H member for 6 years, I've participated in numerous projects such as 4-H Horse, Miniature Horse, and Shooting Sports. I have grown up around horses since I was 5 years old and am a 4th generation equestrian with a passion for horses that is almost unexplainable. Being able to ride horses hasn't always come easily. There have been times where I doubted the Lord and did not trust Him, but He has shown his faithfulness to me throughout the years, providing horses for me to ride, while giving me opportunities to grow in my faith and patience. Every year God has moved mountains for me to be able to ride. He has blessed me with a wonderful family who supports me whether it is at a horse show at the Douglas County Fairgrounds, or a cross-country meet in Colorado Springs. I am very excited to encourage others and remind them that no matter their circumstance the Lord loves them, and He works all things out for their good. My hope is to encourage others to chase their dreams, small or large, and to trust in the Lord.

Come enjoy a legacy at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo that once you experience, you won't forget. I hope to see many of you sipping country lemonade, watching our Remuda Award Winning PRCA Rodeos, and experiencing many other thrilling events. If you see me at our Douglas County Fair & Rodeo please come by and say hi!









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A DOUGLAS COUNTY 4-H LEGACY

The Summervill Family

Jenn and Tyler Summervill were involved in Douglas County 4-H for over ten years. Even though they now reside in Kansas, they still receive visits, graduation announcements, and wedding invitations from the kids and families from the program here in Colorado. Their involvement in 4-H created a community for them and their family and provided their kids with skills for the rest of their lives.

The impact of 4-H on two of their children; Ethan and Kenzie, is reflected in their current university studies of psychology/neuroscience and medical biochemistry, respectively. Both are also pursuing minors in animal science. The Summervills watched their children grow within the 4-H program and develop a strong sense of self and belonging and learn what it means to be accountable. The family recalls the first moment they understood the impact of the 4-H program during a demonstration speech given by an older 4-H member. This moment made the magic of 4-H clear; to be a part of something special and to learn from others. Three of their kids - Nick, Ethan, and Kenzie thrived in the program and tried many projects including cake decorating, baking, gardening, woodworking, livestock, shooting sports, and the exchange program. Their family lived in a suburb and was able to house their livestock animals first at fellow 4-H family properties, and then at CALF for many years. The kids were all recipients of L.E.G. Up Grants. As they aged through the program, the kids also gave back to the L.E.G. Up Program as donors and mentors.

The Summervills competed in Douglas County Fair with their animals and other projects while learning how to persevere through challenges, hear feedback from adults, and not always winning. These experiences over the years have grown them into confident adults who can do hard things, can seek advice, and can give back to their communities.

Tyler Summervill became a shooting sports leader to support Ethan's interest in the sport and to learn something himself. Over the years, Kenzie joined the project as well, and Jenn participated by joining the scoring team for county competitions. Tyler served for ten years in the role, mentoring other youth and volunteers. Ethan found a passion for the sport and after aging out of the 4-H program he enrolled as a volunteer to mentor more youth in shotgun. Recently the Summervills and their extended family gathered and were able to continue this activity at their new property.

Reflecting on their experience in Douglas County 4-H, the Summervills feel that there were so many benefits to their involvement in 4-H. But they continued to emphasize that the connections and relationships they made through the program to youth, families, and other volunteers is what sticks with them.





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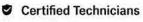
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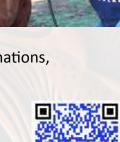
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EXHIBITOR

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Violet McQuate

Isabella Gibson

Josiah VanHorn

Shaeffer Brown

Samantha Seela

Wyatt Sandell

Tyler Rushing

BUYER

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MARKET SWINE

EXHIBITOR

Karlina Tanin Livi Tanin Graydon Warren Lillian Taylor Brooklyn Sawyer Brianna Thompson Bristolyn Sawyer Brynlee Sawyer Kiley Cagianut Kaylee Brown **Everly Taylor** Emerson Brown Marian Ashworth Shelby Williams Charlet Wilczek Piper Bullock Austin Williams Macklon Critton David Surry Garrett Wilczek Bridget Wilczek Timothy Surry Kaitlynn Alden

BUYER

Westside Towing Inc. Hallmark Inc. Kiana Creek Ranch Sawyer Legal Group, LLC Westside Towing Inc. IMI Global Lakewood Electric Company Inc. Larry Coggins Griffith Engineering Services Coggins & Sons, Inc. White Development Coggins & Sons, Inc. Cowboys After Hours Hier Drilling Co. Hutchinson Western In Memory of Thomas Fritz Weston Valley Ranch LaMil Connections Inc. Cowbovs After Hours Cowboys After Hours Tom & Julie Ashworth Les Schwab Tire Centers Coggins & Sons, Inc.





2024 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE BUYERS

MARKET LAMB ·

EXHIBITOR

Trent Mauck
Chayse Coggins
Diana Nagel
Cason Candelaria
Dalton Carpenter
Braelyn Candelaria
Kenzie Summervill
Maisey Petersen
Paul Menghini
Morgan Tempel
Acacia Frazier
Isabel Petrosky
Linden Frazier

BUYER

Lifted High Roofing
Transwest
Tom & Julie Ashworth
Glaser Energy Group, Inc.
JPL Cares
Semocor Inc
Hier Drilling Co.
Les Schwab Tire Centers
Douglas County Septic
Cowboys After Hours
Cowboys After Hours
Buddy and Sheri Rich
Transwest

MARKET GOAT —

EXHIBITOR

Bernadette Menghini

Jordan Spall
Trent Mauck
Taylor Clark
Colesanti Roddy
Mackenzie Tempel
Lauren Clark
Whitney Clark
Judah Thatcher
Aribella Guntermann
Madelyn Eben
Louisa Seela
Norah Eben
Reagan Maxcy

BUYER

Lifted High Roofing

Kiana Creek Ranch
Hutchinson Western
Les Schwab Tire Centers
Tim Brown
Three Oaks Ranch Inc
Les Schwab Tire Centers
Les Schwab Tire Centers
Cowboys After Hours
Cowboys After Hours
Tom & Julie Ashworth
Les Schwab Tire Centers
Transwest
Lifted High Roofing



MARKET DUCK

EXHIBITOR

Hildalade Osburn Locke Sullivan

BUYER

FirsTier Bank Darren Weekly

RABBIT MEAT PEN

EXHIBITOR

Adyson Vogel Adyson Vogel Matilda Steger Brooke Albright Steele Grafft

BUYER

Westside Towing Inc. Lifted High Roofing Cowboys After Hours Sawyer Legal Group, LLC Les Schwab Tire Centers

MARKET TURKEY -

EXHIBITOR

Charlie Dykstra
Hildalade Osburn
Benjamin Dykstra
Colten Williams
Makenzie Potton
Charleze Critton
Dakota Potton
Ethan Williams
Crosby Craft

BUYER

Coggins & Sons, Inc.
George for Doug Co
Westside Towing Inc.
Griffith Engineering Services
Cowboys After Hours
Weston Valley Ranch
Colorado Powerline, Inc.
Lakewood Electric Company Inc.
Lifted High Roofing

MARKET CHICKENS

EXHIBITOR

Lilly Lucas Kembree Clark Peyton Holt Colton Gerstner Carina Coyle Rachel Dunbar Julia Dunbar Evelyn Petrosky

BUYER

Douglas County Commissioners Wiens Ranch Company Inc. Parker Feed Sterling Auto Interiors Lifted High Roofing Hallmark Inc Hallmark Inc Griffith Engineering Services





2024 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE RESULTS GRAND CHAMPION

MARKET BEEF ———

GRAND CHAMPION



SELLER: Job Knight

BUYER: T. Lowell Construction, Inc.

PRICE: \$21,000.00

MARKET GOAT -

GRAND CHAMPION



SELLER: Jordan Spall BUYER: Kiana Creek Ranch

PRICE: \$4,000.00

MARKET DUCK - GRAND CHAMPION



SELLER: Hildalade Osburn BUYER: FirsTier Bank PRICE: \$1,500.00

MARKET SWINE —

GRAND CHAMPION



SELLER: Karlina Tanin BUYER: Westside Towing Inc.

PRICE: \$10,500.00

MARKET CHICKENS —

GRAND CHAMPION



SELLER: Lilly Lucas

BUYER: Douglas County Commissioners

PRICE: \$1,000.00

RABBIT MEAT PEN

GRAND CHAMPION



SELLER: Adyson Vogel
BUYER: Westside Towing Inc.
PRICE: \$1,200.00

MARKET LAMB -

GRAND CHAMPION



SELLER: Trent Mauck
BUYER: Lifted High Roofing
PRICE: \$3,500.00

MARKET TURKEY -

GRAND CHAMPION



SELLER: Charlie Dykstra
BUYER: Coggins & Sons, Inc.

PRICE: \$3,000.00





2024 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE RESULTS **RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION**

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION



SELLER: Job Knight

BUYER: Colorado Powerline, Inc.

PRICE: \$9,000.00

MARKET GOAT -

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION



SELLER: Trent Mauck BUYER: Hutchinson Western

PRICE: \$3.900.00

MARKET BEEF — MARKET SWINE —

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION



SELLER: Livi Tanin BUYER: Hallmark Inc. PRICE: \$6,400.00

MARKET CHICKENS -

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION



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PRICE: \$1,600.00

MARKET DUCK -

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION



SELLER: Locke Sullivan BUYER: Darren Weekly PRICE: \$1,800.00

MARKET LAMB —

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION



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MARKET TURKEY -

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION



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RABBIT MEAT PEN -

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION



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CREATIVE ARTS OPEN CLASS DIVISION

Beryl Jacobson



Beryl Jacobson was born in Edmonton, Canada. Her mom and dad met on the fair cattle circuit in Canada when they were ten years old and they continued this enthusiasm for agriculture and showing cattle throughout their lives. The zeal for participating in events at the fair was passed to their daughter. At the age of twelve, Beryl entered a white blouse in the Edmonton Exhibition and won her first blue ribbon! This ignited her love to create fashion, exhibit clothing at the fair, and fostered her career in Home Economics and Teaching.

Beryl attended McGill University in Montreal where she received her Bachelor of Science in Home Economics and Teaching. She completed her Master's Degree at Colorado State University (CSU) writing her Master's Thesis on, "Outdoor Apparel For The Eskimo Girl". During this time at CSU, she also met Jay Jacobson, who sewed up an 'I do' from Beryl and created her most important life pattern. Jay and Beryl have a daughter, Deb, and a son, Tim, along with five wonderful grandchildren: Hope, David, Joy, Ethan, and Penelope.

In 1968, the family moved to Pueblo where Beryl taught at the University of Southern Colorado until 1978. She then went to Las Animas County as the 4-H Agent for Consumer and Family Projects for the next five years. CSU employed Beryl as the Douglas County Extension Agent in 1983 where she remained until she retired in 2001. Beryl started volunteering for the Open Class Division of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo in 2007, and she took over as the Superintendent for the Canning Department in Open Class Creative Arts in 2022.

Beryl loves to volunteer and help folks in numerous ways. She designed a developmental program for the Head Start Nutritional Program. She judged at the county fairs throughout Colorado. She volunteers at the Denver Art Museum as an aide in textile conservation. She is also very active with the Douglas Land Conservancy and most recently has been working to research and document the history of Prairie Canyon and Sandstone Ranch.

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Beryl Jacobson continued

Beryl says, "It is wonderful to be able to make a difference in people's everyday life challenges. I first look to define the issues and find educational or financial resources to get those needs met." She loves talking to the fair exhibitors and the public to find new volunteers to help. Beryl states, "I love the fair. Being a volunteer is not a big-time commitment, but without volunteer help we would not be able to provide this historic Douglas County Fair every year!"

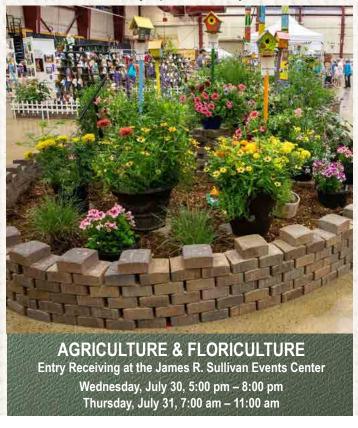
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DOUGLAS COUNTY 4-H

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4-H Way

4-H empowers youth with the skills to lead for a lifetime. The research-based experience that includes a mentor, a hands-on project, and a meaningful leadership opportunity.

4-H Community

Douglas County 4-H currently offers over 40 project areas and has over 500 youth members. Youth can experience 4-H through community clubs, in-school and after-school programs.

4-H Programming

Based on their interests, and guided by over 150 adult volunteers, youth develop their own pathway in 4-H by selecting from a broad menu of local 4-H programming and projects. Douglas County 4-H strives to provide back to the community while growing future leaders. There are hands-on, learn-by doing, opportunities for ages 5-18.

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DOUGLAS COUNTY FFA

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Douglas County FFA remains committed to each individual student in guiding them and helping them achieve their personal goals. As a Chapter, we focus on the FFA model of "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve". We also encourage members to get involved in FFA Events,

and contests as well as community events which offers students the opportunity to network with potential employers, and gain skills and experience that relate to possible future careers or interests.







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THE DOUGLAS COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION

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The Douglas County 4-H Foundation was established due to the philanthropic generosity of Mr. P.S. Miller, a long time resident of Douglas County (Castle Rock), Colorado. Mr. Miller passed away on June 7, 1995, at Ninety-Nine years of age. Joe Julian, the Douglas County Director of CSU Extension, along with many agriculture enthusiasts established the Douglas County 4-H Foundation, Inc., a 501 (c) (3) in the year 1997. A few of the many 4-H Foundation members involved over the years include: Terra Thorpe, Paul Clayton, Karen Serafini, Larry Carnahan, Russ Squires and Dan Danser.

The mission statement of the Douglas County 4-H Foundation is comprised of community leaders working collectively to obtain funding sources that provide Douglas County 4-H members academic scholarship opportunities, financial grants for educational experiences and learning opportunities that prepare them for their future. This also enables 4-H members to excel in their projects, develop life skills, contribute to their community and grow into valuable young adults.

The vision of the Douglas County 4-H Foundation is to generate and distribute resources to support programs that increase achievement, foster lifelong learning, develop citizenship and provide Douglas County 4-H youth opportunities to become contributing citizens.

We assist Douglas County 4-H members by donating a specific amount of funds to help the members attend Local, State, Regional and National 4-H Leadership events. We also offer 4-H project grant money for the following: Animal Science, Companion Animals, Natural Resources, Self-Determined and General Projects which include Communication Arts/Leisure Sciences, Family Consumer Science and Mechanical Science.

Livestock projects are excluded due to an agreement between the Douglas County 4-H Foundation and the Douglas County Fair Foundation. The Fair Foundation provides livestock opportunities through their L.E.G. Up program.

We have scholarship opportunities for long term, in good standing, Douglas County 4-H club members who plan to attend accredited four year colleges or universities, two year Jr. colleges and trade schools.

GET INVOLVED

We are always looking for people to participate with our Douglas County 4-H Foundation. If you are interested please attend a meeting and / or send an email to: dc4hgrants@gmail.com



The 4-H Foundation is the proud sponsor of The Pie Eating Contest and The Blind Man Tractor Drive. Free and open for ALL folks at the fair (events have some requirements). You can find the Blind Man Tractor Drive Saturday, August 2 and the Pie Eating Contest Sunday, August 3. Please check the schedule for event time and location. Come join in the fun!



CELEBRATING THE THREE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2024 FAIR & RODEO AWARDS

Presented from the Fairgrounds County Staff

During 2024, the fairgrounds staff decided to recognize outstanding contributions via three special awards that celebrate the heart, soul and spirit of our Fair & Rodeo's magic and success. The 2024 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo wouldn't have been the same without these exceptional volunteers who went above and beyond, often working behind the scenes to ensure everything runs smoothly.

Zach Burns, Fairgrounds Manager, presented the following awards at the OCTOBER 2024 Fair Board meeting:

Unsung Hero Award

If you've ever marveled at the beautifully crafted souvenir program, let me assure you, that was all Pam Spradlin. She takes on this massive undertaking with finesse and determination. During the 2024 Fair & Rodeo, Pam was everywhere! She was delivering burritos to volunteers, planting flowers around the grounds, greeting patrons, and even recording competition results in the pavilion, all while keeping a smile on her face.



Pam is the kind of person who

steps up wherever needed, often without being asked. Whether it's sprucing up the grounds or making sure our visitors feel welcome, she does it all with very little direction, proving that sometimes the best leaders are those who operate behind the scenes, quietly making things happen.

Congratulations Pam! Your dedication, reliability, and impact may often go unnoticed, but today we recognize you for being the unsung hero of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo. Thank you for all that you do, Pam—you are truly indispensable!



Most Outstanding Committee Award

Next, we have the immense pleasure of recognizing the most outstanding committee at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo—the Livestock Sale Committee! Managing a Livestock Sale is no small tasks, but these folks make it look easy!

What truly sets this committee apart is the rock-solid trust and collaboration that flows through its operations all year long.

Their commitment to improvement led to significant enhancements in the pavilion, all thanks to the valuable feedback they provided.

Navigating the logistical challenges of the new setup, this committee handled everything with grace and patience. By all accounts, the operation of the sale this year set a new bar, allowing everyone involved to take a step back, relax, and actually enjoy the event—who knew a livestock sale could be a stress-free experience?

Not only do they take full responsibility for their needs, but they also solicit their own volunteers, grow their committee, and advocate like pros. They put their buyers first, and the quality of their product reflects that.

And let's not forget—these folks are always laughing and smiling, turning meetings and the sale night into a celebration! Their camaraderie and joy are truly infectious; making every moment spent with them a delight.

So, let's give a huge round of applause to the Livestock Sale Committee! Your exemplary leadership, organization, and adaptability have made a lasting impact on the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo.

Director of the Year Award

Lastly, we are thrilled to honor our Director of the Year, Rob Tkach! Rob has made a remarkable impact on the Fair & Rodeo in so many ways.

He has stepped up to the plate in show management, particularly with the horse program, and has taken on an even larger role with the Livestock Sale Committee. His commitment to the Fair & Rodeo doesn't stop with the meetings. Rob



dedicates countless hours outside of board and committee meetings. Rob is the kind of person who doesn't just rest on his laurels; he constantly strives for improvement in every aspect of the Fair. And let me tell you, he puts in the hard work to make that vision a reality!

Rob has truly embraced his role as an officer of the Board, setting a new standard for professionalism and responsibility that inspires us all. It's genuinely a joy to work with him, as his commitment, collaboration, and creativity shine through in everything he does.

These three award winners prove that the magic of county fairs isn't just about the rides, competitions, and cotton candy—it's about the dedicated people who pour their hearts into creating unforgettable experiences for their community.



2024 AWARDS RECEIVED BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR & RODEO

The Douglas County Fair & Rodeo is honored to have received the following awards:

2024 Awards presented from the (IAFE) International Association of Fairs & Expos

FIRST PLACE

Non-Fair Facility Usage

- Non-Fair Event Designed to Educate Koi Fish Event
 Agriculture Awards
- Procedure developed to correct a challenge related to an agriculture issue – Dairy Cattle Exhibits

Hall of Honor Communications

 Promotional Advertising: Outdoor Promotion – Floor Sticker – marketing pieces put on the sidewalks around town

SECOND PLACE

Innovation in Sponsorship

 In-Kind/Trade Sponsor – Hutchinson Western donating a new show ring in the Pavilion for the Jr Livestock Sale

Agriculture Awards

 Unique community engagement showcased during the year outside of Fair – Colorado Association of Fairs & Shows supporting the Royalty Clinic held annually assisting royalty programs for young ladies across the State of Colorado.

THIRD PLACE

Innovation in Sponsorship

- Sponsor Continuity Kiana Creek Ranch. A very generous partnership, Kiana Creek steps in where needed and we strive to recognize their support in as many creative ways as possible.
 Innovation in Sponsorship
- Community Impact Developmental Pathways/Exceptional Rodeo A huge success for the DP Community! Introducing guests to our western way of life and rich agricultural history, the community learned about the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo first hand in the arena with cowboys and cowgirls joining in the fun.

2024 Recognition from The PRCA ProRodeo



2024 Awards presented from the PRCA Mountain States Circuit



Day Sheet Dally

A day sheet is what you receive at a rodeo to show you which contestants are competing in that performance. On the day sheet, there is a place to keep track of contestant's scores and times, so you can tell who the leader is at that rodeo. A dally is the act of wrapping the rope around the saddle horn to control the animal being roped. We have our own Day Sheet Dally at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo!

We are proud to announce the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo has three members who have a day sheet that has lasted twenty years and have dallied themselves PRCA Noncontestant Gold Committee Cards. Congratulations to the following Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Directors:

Scott Candelaria, Debbie Mills, and John Adams

A noncontestant card member who has been an active member of the governing body of a Rodeo Committee for at least 20 years is eligible for Gold Committee Card Member status. General PRCA Members as well as Gold Card Members are considered integral to rodeo and are part of every PRCA-sanctioned rodeo.





DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR FOUNDATION



Celebrating a Douglas County Tradition

In 2025, our commitment to fundraising continues to grow as we support the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo and promote education through year-round community involvement. Our goal is to expand and enhance the Fair & Rodeo experience for all. Douglas County Fair Foundation is led by an all-volunteer Board of Directors—composed of community leaders, dedicated citizens, and current Fair Board members—who share a steadfast commitment to preserving this cherished tradition for generations to come.

Foundation Goals

We raise funds throughout the year through a variety of engaging activities, providing a dedicated platform for contributions, sponsorships, and designated gifts that support youth programs, scholarships, and fair-related initiatives. Our mission is to educate the community about the importance of agricultural traditions and the rich rural heritage of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo. We are committed to expanding the Fair & Rodeo by fostering year-round community involvement, encouraging citizen participation, and offering meaningful volunteer opportunities for individuals and families alike.

Our Board Members

From left to right: Debbie Mills, Patti Russell, Rebekah Meurer, Cindy Duckworth, Scott Candelaria, Pat Candelaria, Caitlin Gappa, Wesley Jacobs, Lora Talbert, Sarah Fischer, Mark Moore, Gary Willoughby, Hayden Schmidt, Rob Tkach, John De Lay

Missing Board Members: John Adams, Dean Elliott, Rob Gappa, Tom Harris, Racquel Leadens, Dr. Phil Riesselman, Danny Talbert, Gary Turner

Wall of Honor - 2024 Inductees



Wall of Honor Inductee Group 2024 - Bob VanPelt,
Dr. Steven Cribley, DVM, Christy VanBibber, Debbie Mills, Craig Sloan

2025 Wall of Honor Inductees

In 2013 the Wall of Honor was established to recognize distinguished men and women who have demonstrated a high level of service and long-standing commitment to the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo. Please join us at our annual ceremony on Sunday, August 3, at 9:00 a.m. Inductees are selected annually by nomination forms available at www.DouglasCountyFairFoundation.com/wall-of-honor

2025 Inductees

Betty Thomas

Joe Procopio

Cap & Linda Bell

Celebrate your legacy at Heritage Plaza

Did the Fair play a special role in your childhood? Was it filled with summer days spent showing animals, riding carnival rides, and making memories with loved ones? Now, you can honor those treasured moments with a personalized brick in the Heritage Plaza walkway—a lasting tribute to your family's legacy or a meaningful gift to celebrate generations of tradition. Take a stroll between the playground and the Rabbit Barn, and you'll see family names etched in stone—each one a piece of history, waiting to be joined by yours.



Order your brick today!







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2025 Cowboy Social



Dusty Boots & Big Hearts:
A Night to Remember
On May 3, 2025, we gathered for the Dusty Boots & Big Hearts fundraising event, graciously hosted by Kiana Creek Ranch. The evening was a sold-out success, featuring an unforgettable western dining experience with a delicious bison tip menu, expertly prepared by the Rafter 76 Chuckwagon. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, proceeds from

this event directly support scholarships, grants, and programs that benefit the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo. We extend our **deepest gratitude to our guests, partners, and sponsors**—your unwavering support makes a lasting impact, and we are truly grateful for the strong sense of community that surrounds this event.

Special thanks to Castle Rock Autoplex, Wide Open Saloon, Guy Bickel, Stacy Melito and Todd Hills.

VIP Table Sponsors: Dairy Queen, Leadens Contracting, Meurer & Potter, P.C., Wiens Ranch, Guy Bickel, RE/MAX Alliance Liz Willoughby, Melito Law LLC, and Zeppelin Cattle Company.

Supporting Douglas County Youth

The Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Royalty Scholarship Fund provides financial awards annually to the Queen and Queen Attendant,



2025 Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Sofia Foss, Princess and Addison Staninger, Princess Attendant

to assist them in pursuing higher education. These awards are dependent on both the availability of funds and the successful completion of their Royalty yearlong reign. The awards represent the efforts put forth to assist the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo in overall promotion of our annual event. Scholarships are matched annually by the Roxann Harris Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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The Bob Thomas Memorial Scholarship Fund is for youth winners, on a point system, who participate in the Hometown Rodeo. Initial funding for this scholarship came from the many contributions made to the Foundation in Bob's name, at the request of Bob's family. Recent contributions made are in honor of Monty Anderson, a long-time Fair Board member.



The Livestock Educational Grant Program—known as L.E.G. Up—is a collaborative educational opportunity facilitated by the Douglas County Fair Foundation, Fair Board, 4-H, and FFA. This program provides young participants with the opportunity to raise and care for a market animal, preparing them to showcase and potentially sell their livestock at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo Jr. Livestock Sale. Through structured education from 4-H and FFA, recipients gain valuable insights into the market livestock industry. Grants are available for steers, swine, lambs, goats, rabbits, and poultry, ensuring a broad range of learning experiences. Additionally, grant recipients retain all prize money and sale proceeds, reinforcing their commitment and rewarding their efforts in livestock management.

NEW \$1,500 SCHOLARSHIPS est. 2025

Awarded to youth that have demonstrated a strong commitment to the **Douglas County Fair & Rodeo**, supporting its agricultural foundations and the rich western heritage of Douglas County through **at least 20 hours of volunteer service**. Funds awarded to individuals enrolled in a 2- or 4-year academic program, certification program, or trade school program. Have you gained experiences that shaped your passion for **agriculture or the western heritage industries** and influenced your desire to contribute to these fields? Watch our Facebook page to apply for the 2026 Scholarship! Facebook.com/ DouglasCountyFairFoundation

Visit www.DouglasCountyFairFoundation.com or reach out to one of our members to learn more.



TAKE ME TO THE RACES!

Locals who grew up in Douglas County speak of former Douglas County Fairground racetrack days with fondness and a longing to remember details and tell stories about what took place so long ago.

Did you even know there used to be a racetrack on the fairgrounds? I find this fascinating and oh how I wish I could have been here to watch them! I imagine they were thrilling. Races were a popular feature of the fair since it's inception in 1892. The county fair was one of the few times during the year that many families journeyed to Castle Rock, the county seat, from all reaches of the County. Events, good times, and friendships came together for celebration and a time to play hard, developing a competitive spirit. Contestants were mostly local people. Early fair programs list all the basic contests of the Douglas County pioneer skills, including the races.

As a young 4-H member, Craig Sloan remembers the starting gate sat near where the old beef barn wash rack was. That spot is today's hog barn wash rack. A starting gate was set up in the starting lane heading directly toward the straightaway. The track straightaway went along that barn, in front of the grandstands and the old rabbit/ open classes barn heading south. Kirk Hall sat where it is today, across from the grandstands and the old rabbit barn. This starting area for the races was near that old beef barn where Craig spent a lot of time working with his steers for the Fair. The races and activity were so interesting and tempting to watch. He sounds regretful that adults and 4-H leaders told him and the other 4-H participants to "stay away from the racing because there were people gambling over there". Craig was once able to watch a chariot race and he loved it! He feels the Chariot Races were probably stopped due to danger and liability issues! They were bold and wild!

Arlie Gordon's comment about the races was, "That was fun!" He remembers Quarter Horse races and wondered where all the jockeys came from. Someone told him, "The jockeys are like fleas, they go where the horses are." Arlie described old wooden barns that sat near the old rabbit barn and that is where they kept the race horses.

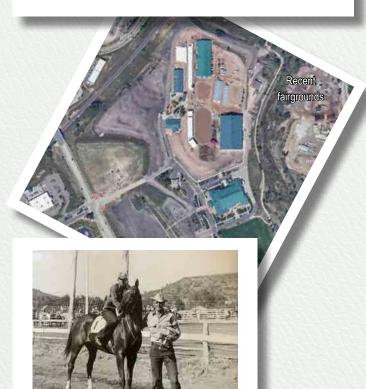
Phil Riesselman experienced the races more closely. His family owned a racehorse named Buck 49, a Quarter Horse. The Riesselman family raced this horse at the Douglas County Fairgrounds Track as well as Centennial Race Track. Phil was excited to be right there in the stands watching the races with his dad. Phil described, "It was crazy to watch the massive and fast quarter horses thundering down the track right in front of us. I remember the noise was intense as manes and dirt flew and the hoofs pounded, horses galloped for glory as the delighted crowd cheered them on. It was exciting".

Phil's other memories include Thoroughbred Races, Mare and Colt Races and the Football Stadium that was then located on the Fairgrounds. For the Mare and Colt Race, gentlemen side bets were being placed while the mares and colts were lined up on opposite sides of the track. Full of life, the colts were released to start the race and they ran to meet up with their mother mare waiting at the finish line.

Phil also remembers the Chariot Races. The starting gate was invented in 1939. In absence of a starting gate and prior to its invention, races were started using a drag race approach. Chariot races were not able to use the starting gate and it was moved aside. The chariots set up on the opposite side of the track, near where the shop building is currently. They slowly came around the curved end of the track together and the race began at the place where the starting gate area would have been. They raced down the straightaway in front of the bleachers ending the race of a quarter mile before the racetrack made the turn on the end. After the finish line was passed, riders continued running the horses out until they gradually settled. The entire racetrack was approximately one mile around.



Racetrack on the fairgrounds



Bill Hier, holding his trophy, standing next to his racehorse



Buck 49 raced at our fairgrounds racetrack too!



TAKE ME TO THE RACES! continued

The Stadium that was at the fairgrounds and was used for football and baseball. It had lights and was located on the infield of the racetrack across from the large grandstand across the track. There was a smaller set of bleachers just inside the track and the football field was on the infield in front of those smaller bleachers. The field also served as the baseball field. Phil remembers running to this stadium for practice when his Douglas County Jr. High School (now called the Administration Building) on Mainstreet let out. In 1962 the new High School Stadium was built and still exists today. It replaced the Fairgrounds Stadium.

Starting in the 1980's the track became home to concerts during the fair. Trailers were moved onto the track, in front of the grandstands, to hold these concerts. The track ran between the grandstands and the rodeo arena. Patrons watched from the bleachers.

When Phil came on the Fair Board in 1994 – 1995, Jack Orr sold him a sponsorship for the Wild Pony Races. Contestants had to catch a wild horse, put on a saddle, get to the starting point and ride a mile around the track to the coveted finish line.

To make room for progress, (to the angst of several old-timers) the racetrack was removed when the Douglas County Events Center (now the James R. Sullivan Events Center) was built and opened in 2001. At that same time the outdoor Rodeo Arena was extended toward the grandstand over the top of where the racetrack had been, enlarging the Rodeo Arena. A remnant of the approximate placement of racetrack is the road coming around the front entrance side of the indoor area and between the shop building heading towards the old Lewis Street entrance and then turning towards today's camping area.

After reading and studying horse racing in Douglas County, some repeated themes carry through the years. The locals were spirited, competitive folks that took much pride in their animals and agriculture. They enjoyed gathering with friends for good times, entertainment and competitions at this yearly annual event we call Fair. Horse racing was a huge part of the initial reason for a fairgrounds and a fair for Douglas County. After all, what person who rode horses never raced their friends?

Yes, racing at the Fair was an "era" – like the buffalo and Native Americans, pioneers, Douglas County dairy cattle, our pine forests, and our quarries – Racing at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo is now only a memory of the past. This writer is sorry to have missed it!

First hand, inside stories were very hard to come by while collecting information for this article. Old newspapers contained only snatches and phrases. Photos are few. What was found is compiled here by Pam Spradlin from interviews, newspaper articles "of the times" and historical books. Patti Russell and Pat Salazar provided research assistance.

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CHRONOLOGY OF RACING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

1890

The Horse Show was all that the most enthusiastic could hope for and established the fact that Douglas County has some of the finest horses in the state and plenty of them. The highly successful horse show, the first in the county, whetted the people's desire for a racetrack and fairgrounds in Castle Rock, and ultimately led to the organization of the first County Fair in 1892. This was the "beginning of an era" for Douglas County and it's outstanding agricultural exhibits. The highlights of the event were the horse races bringing together the best horseflesh and riders in Douglas County – Trotting in Harness; Running – "free for all, nothing barred"; Novelty race "free for all, 100 yards to walk, trot and run"; Pacing; Dressing Race, Quarter-mile Dash, and the Turning Race. Josephine Lowell Marr

1892

The 1st County Fair was organized in 1892. At that time Douglas County had some of the finest stallions and carriage teams.

1904

Ground was secured for a half-mile track; there will be races each day of the fair. Good purses will be put up which will bring a good string of horses here. Backed by the public and spirited citizens of the county, Chariot Races are the grand finale. 1905

There was a Mile Trot, Quarter Mile Pony Race, and the Range Relay. This was a horse race of 2.5 miles with men having to rope their 3 horses in succession, from a corral-full, saddle each in turn, and tear off down the track. Women participated too, but they had their horses saddled, ready and waiting for this Pony Express Race. 1908

Local riders thrilled the crowd with bronco riding, steer riding, relay races, and the exciting chariot races.

John P. O'Brien gave 3 acres. Margaret O'Brien gave 4.59 acres to Douglas County Fair and Racing Association. Grantors and families to have free admission to grounds. Division fences to be kept up. No liquor or gambling allowed. Thus originated our Douglas County Fairgrounds. One and all we are justly proud of it.

September 3, 1909

Supt. James P. McInroy of the speed ring reports conditions in that line to be going at a 2:04 gait. With the track ten seconds faster that ever before, horsemen are beginning to condition their horses with the intention of pocketing a good share of the handsome prizes offered by the Association.

October 1, 1909

Because of the fact that inducements were not offered to bring in outside horses this year, it was thought by some that the racing would be pretty tame. But this is where they were mistaken in the Douglas County horses. No outside stock could have given us any more exciting racing than were furnished by our own horses, and we may well be proud of their speed.

1918

A string of the best bucking broncos in the west will be procured, and the racing program will be a good one. Also named the 1st Fair, this Fair began the string of mostly consecutive yearly Fairs.

1919

At the Fair itself, Vernon Wyatt on Gold Dust was hard to beat in the Chariot Race, although that didn't keep Bruce Penley and the Curtis brothers from trying. Chariot races are a draw! In these races, which became a highlight of the Fair, teams of four pulled a Ben-Hur type chariot. This proved too dangerous, so only two horses were used. From Elbert and Kiowa, drivers arrived to compete once around the track. Bill Hier, Frank Woodhouse, Carrol Hier and Lou Ammons added their daredevil skills each year. According to Bruce Penley, the Fair used to be "just a County gathering with contests and events for everyone". One year Bill Hier got so far ahead, it was hardly a race until he deliberately slowed up to make it fair.

1922

Novelty harness race was on the program.

1929

Included in these sporting events will be some real horse races, races for boys and for girls, novelty races of various kinds, Roman races, relay races, and to cap the climax will be the chariot races.

1931

Among the events are horse racing, steeple chasing, trick riding, relay races, chariot races, and free-for-all races.

1938

Considerable work is to be done on the grounds before the Fair. The most important of this work is the plan for improving the racetrack, which, when completed will put this racetrack among the best in the country.

1939 - 1945 WWII years

During the middle years of the war when the fair was canceled, members of the community donated money for a combined rodeo, horse show and chariot races to offer the community some entertainment. Cecil Whitman remembered during the chariot races, "Somebody would run around with a couple handfuls of bills taking bets on the side and would raise maybe fifty to one-hundred dollars for the purse!" Charlie Kirk said, "You couldn't have gotten anybody to move with a stick of dynamite until those chariot races were over!"

1951

New features are being added to the race program:

One quarter mile, open; one quarter mile Douglas County boys' race; three-quarter mile, open; range relay race; quarter mile 2 year old race, open; stake race for boys and also one for men; four and one-half furlong, open; half mile Douglas County Race; four and one-half furlong Douglas County Derby; mile race, open, and the chariot race which will climax the program each day.



One of the highlights of the fairs of yesteryear were the chariot races. "They were the last thing on the rodeo and race night program agenda. You couldn't pry anyone out of their seat before those races". Charlie Kirk explained that the racers were all local people "no professionals", and many of the horses were part thoroughbred, bred to the US Army thoroughbreds kept in the state to breed ranch mares for cavalry mounts. Those horses made wonderful chariot horses. It used to be the feature, but it died out as the horses died off and were not replaced by anything".

1979

Mule Jenny and donkey, Large chariot race

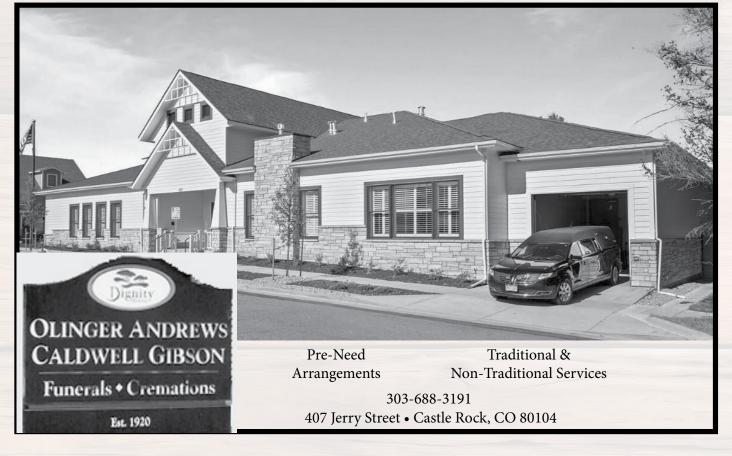
Photo Caption: Chariot race; Bill Hier is riding in the left chariot, wearing a black cowboy hat, in the center of the two horses



A FEW PAGES FROM THE FIRST ANNUAL FAIR PROGRAM

Thursday and Friday, October 6th and 7th, 1892





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TAKE A JOURNEY AND HUNT AROUND THE FAIRGROUNDS

Be on the lookout for past & present honor tributes

We invite you to embark on an extraordinary hunt through the historical landmarks of the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Make a grand circle voyage to find all the tributes listed below. There is a map on the center spread pages of this book to help locate these special features. You may begin by finding the award closest to where ever you are now, and then follow along the locations listed below. Visit inside Kirk Hall to see an expanded table display of all these awards and honorees. Find a shady spot and reflect on things that happened long ago that bring us to today. Thank you for joining

us. Enjoy the magic of this day!



Kirk Hall is located near the West entrance. Completed in 1964, and named Kirk Hall in honor of longtime Fair Board Member, Charles Kirk, the building was entirely built with donations and community labor. Several people donated cinder block for the construction. The builders were twenty blocks short and it remains that way today. In the early years, the DC Young Farmers and Homemakers of America food booth was renowned for its delicious, mouthwatering hamburgers. The facility is used year round for Fair and 4-H activities, private and county functions. Over the years, the building has been enlarged and expanded several times.

Not only is it an exhibit hall during the fair, it is the central hub where fair-goers often congregate to visit and enjoy delicious fair food.



The Heritage Plaza Wall of Honor was built in partnership with Douglas County and the Douglas County Fair Foundation. The Purpose of the Wall of Honor Distinguished Citizen Award is to honor the men and women who have demonstrated a high level of service and long standing commitment to the operation, management or financial support of the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo. Do you know

someone who might be a candidate for the Wall of Honor? Nomination forms can be found at douglascountyfairfoundation.com

Individuals will be selected based on their contribution, services and the leadership they have provided to agriculture, ranching and the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo.



The Heritage Plaza Partner Wall is on the West (back) side of the Wall of Honor. The generous community support we have for our Douglas County Fair & Rodeo is reflected on the Heritage Plaza Partner Wall. Companies donate funds to keep our fair, our grounds, and our heritage remembered through the years. There are tiers of sponsorship levels which

include Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver & Bronze.



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Whitman-Lowell Pavilion

Named in honor of longtime Douglas County ranchers, fair supporters and Board Members, Gill and Cecil Whitman and John and Bea Lowell. The Whitman-Lowell Pavilion was dedicated in 1988 for the purpose of holding the Jr. Livestock Sale and various livestock shows. This was particularly appropriate since John Lowell was one of the original organizers of the Jr. Livestock Sale in 1959.

"Those were the greatest few hours of our lives!" Gill Whitman



The Roger A Partridge Large Animal Barn is named for our DC Commissioner who served two terms from 2013 - 2020. He was known for his sense of humor, kindness and graciousness. Commissioner Partridge was a strong advocate of the County's agricultural heritage and was inducted onto the Wall of Honor in 2021. He was a major proponent of the DC Fair Foundation's

Livestock Educational Grant Program promoting a partnership with the Cherokee Castle Ranch. Prior to becoming a Commissioner, Roger served as the Fair's Beef Superintendent for 3 years, His legacy will live on in the many who knew him and in the naming of this fairground's large animal barn.



Monty Anderson grew up in an agricultural family, which originally homesteaded in the Founders Village area in approximately 1881. The family primarily ranched and farmed in the Douglas County area. A love of that rural life led Monty into many related activities through his life being a 4-H Livestock member, belonging to several rodeo and roping organizations,

a member of the Franktown Volunteer Fire Department, a member of the past Douglas County Sheriff's Posse, and later, a full-time deputy with the sheriff's office. On the Douglas County Fair Board for 20+ years, he worked on the Hometown Rodeo and production of the PRCA rodeos. He was inducted onto the Wall of Honor in 2023. Some of his most favorite time was spent traveling around the country with his family as an official for Little Britches Rodeo and other rodeo organizations judge.



A plaque lies at the base of the outdoor arena flagpole. **J. B. Godley** moved to Castle Rock when he retired from farming in both Elbert and Douglas Counties. He became active in the Douglas County Fair Association and served as President of the Fair Board and Fair Manager from 1946 - 1951. During J. B.'s time as manager, the fair's chariot races offered a lively and crowd-pleasing exhibition. The chariot races followed the rodeo, playing to a full and enthusiastic grandstand. From 1949 to 1951, J.B. also served on the Castle Rock city council, promoting the growth and development of Castle Rock. In 1951, J.

B. Godley died from injuries suffered in an automobile accident. Shortly after that, the outdoor rodeo arena was dedicated to him and a flagpole was erected in memory of his many years of service and commitment to the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo. He was inducted onto the Wall of Honor in 2021.



THE HUNT AROUND THE FAIRGROUNDS continued

There is something to the idea, if you are part of something, you will be part of it forever.



James R. Sullivan Events Center & Sully Hall Jim "Sully" Sulllivan grew up a 4-H kid on a farm in Iowa. He served in the army during WWII and returned to college after the war. He married and was called to serve in the Korean War. When discharged. Jim's business interests brought him to the Denver Area in 1970. In 1989, Jim was elected Douglas

County Commissioner and continued in that capacity for 16 years, followed by a two year term in the Colorado legislature. He was instrumental in developing the Events Center for our community. He served on the Fair Board and remains an Honary Lifetime Member. He also served on the Fair Foundation's Fundraising and Executive Committees. Jim was inducted onto the Wall of Honor in 2013. Jim Sullivan...truly a man dedicated to our community and its traditions.



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IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM "BILL" MADDOX FARBOARD MEMBER 1988 - 1994



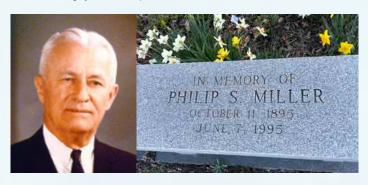
The William "Bill" R. Maddox bench is in the CSU Extension Office garden area. Bill was a Staff Sergeant in the US Air Force and served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Bill was a Fair Board Member between 1988 and 1994. Known as being a true horsemen, he owned high quality Quarter Horses that were responsible for many blue ribbons at the Fair. He

was the unofficial maintainer of the fairgrounds. Bill spent a lot of his own time and efforts caring for the fairgrounds. The Fair Board wanted to honor him and all he had done for the Fair by installing this bench. This was all long before there was a Wall of Honor for awards or the County maintenance.





The Gill Whitman bench is located in the CSU Extension Office garden area. Gill Whitman was the Douglas County Commissioner from 1973 to 1981 and a Fair Board Member from 1951 to 1990. Gill Whitman is also honored with the naming of the Whitman-Lowell Pavilion and the Wall of Honor.



Philip S. Miller is the gentleman who created so many wonderful avenues of educational opportunites for our beloved Douglas County residents. He is revered by our Fair Board for his dedication for raising funds to first help create Kirk Hall and the Whitman-Lowell Pavilion. He assisted the fairgrounds expansion throughout his life and continued his legacy inpart by leaving a perpetual trust to benefit the fair. Money from his trust help build the current James R. Sullivan Events Center.

During WWII he helped raise money to put on a substitutionary Fair in the form of a chariot race and horse show. After the war ended, he again raised money to help put the Fair back on it's feet.

He would comment he was, " always happy to support the Fair. It is wonderful to see the kids with their little rabbits, chickens, lambs, hogs and cattle. I get great pleasure out of it." He also couldn't eat just one hamburger from Kirk Hall and he always brought cotton candy to his wife in the rodeo stands.

P.S. Miller is honored in several places around the fairgrounds. He has a bench dedicated to him and in 2013, Mr. Miller was one of the first Wall Of Honor inductees. A brick was also placed in tribute to him at the Heritage Plaza walkway.



OTHER FUN FACINATIONS

These aren't awards but can you find these two hiding treasures?

A gnome is a gnome UNLESS it is a special kind of gnome with a striped cat riding a rearing unicorn! Find this and you have found the most exceptional youth hidden treasure of all!

Can you find two large reddish lily pads? They are a little out of place because there is no water. But since they are made of clay, water isn't necessary.







WELCOME TO THE DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR AND COOD LUCK!



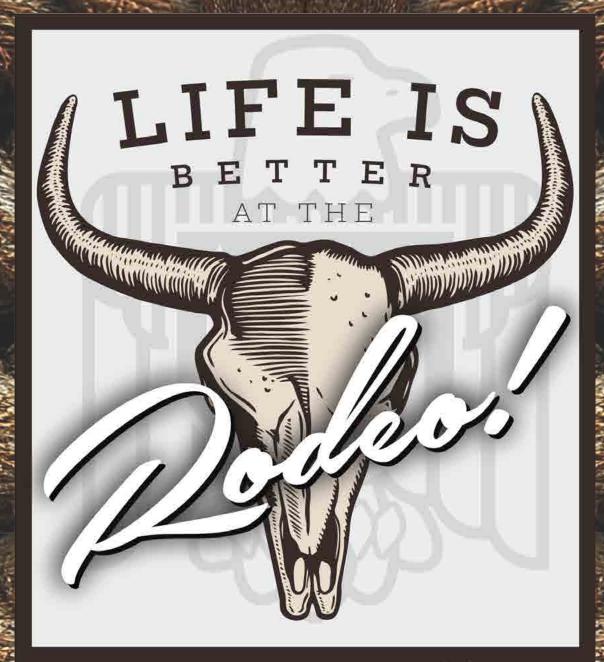
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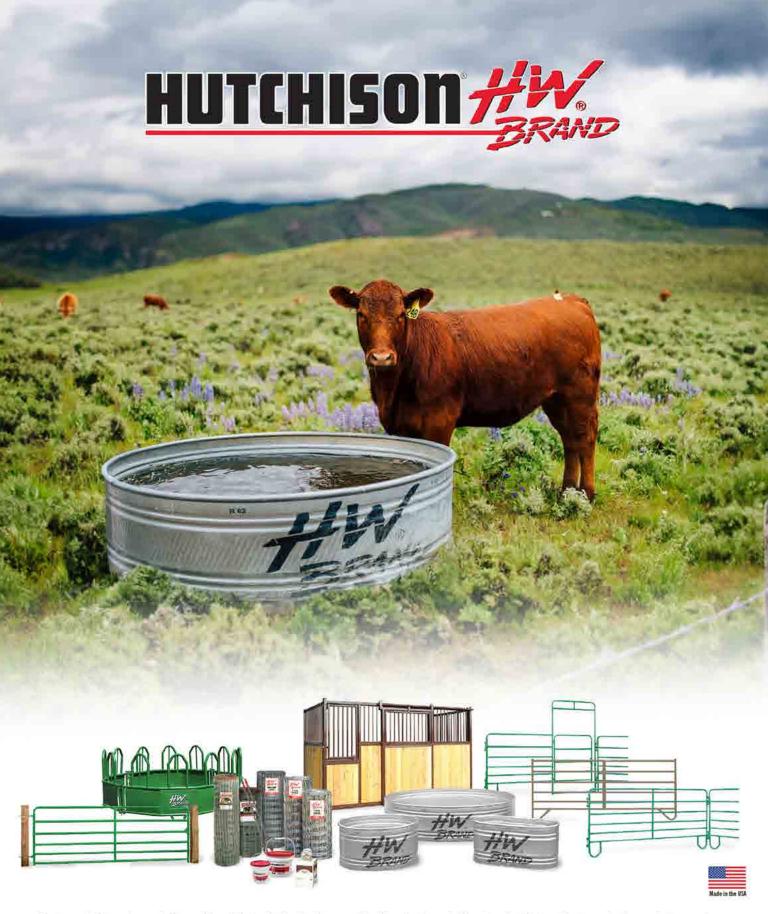
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