

CATTLEMEN'S DAYS ROYALTY



CATHERINE WASHBURN
2018 Cattlemen's Days Queen

Welcome rodeo fans to the 118th Cattlemen's Days! My name is Catherine Washburn, daughter of Jan and Doug Washburn and sister to Porter. I am eighteen and will be a freshman at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall. I graduated from Crested Butte Community School this spring. I am part of the sixth generation of Spans to live in the Gunnison Valley. This year marks my tenth year in 4H and I am an active member of the Junior Colorado Cattlemen's Association. I am so grateful for the support of my family and this community in pursuing my passions and without the help of many sponsors this last year would not have been possible. I invite you all to kick up your feet and enjoy your time at the rodeo here in Gunnison!

ABBY ROURKE
2018 Cattlemen's Days Princess

Hi everyone! Welcome to the 118th Cattlemen's Days. My name is Abby Rourke. I am the daughter of Kevin and Chris Rourke and sister to Shaughn. I'm an active member of the Future Fitters 4-H Club — I've been a member for six years and enjoy riding both English and Western and showing in showmanship. I also participate in the Bad Girls Barrel Club. This fall I will be a freshman at Gunnison High School, but before then I will be spending as much time riding, attending horse shows and spending time in the barn. Thank you to all the sponsors and all the wonderful volunteers that make this event possible. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the oldest professional rodeo in Colorado.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- FRIDAY JULY 6**
8:00 AM 4-H Horse Show - Speed Events to follow
- SATURDAY, JULY 7**
1:00 PM Mutton Busting
2:00 PM Watershed Ranch Rodeo (Team Auction before) free to the public.
Contact: watershedroping@live.com or (970) 596-5329
- SUNDAY, JULY 8**
8:00 AM Open Horse Show
- MONDAY, JULY 9**
8:30 AM 4-H General Project Judging & Interviews
9:00 AM 4-H Dog Obedience Show
3:00 PM 4-H Cat Show
3:00 PM Watershed Team Ranch Sorting - (Team Auction before)
Free to the public. Youth & Open Divisions.
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7:00 PM 4-H Project Marketplace Revue & Awards
7:00 PM Cowboy Poetry at I-Bar Ranch
- TUESDAY JULY 10**
8:30 AM 4-H Fiber Sheep & Goat Show
4:30 PM TETWP VIP Pre-Party for Singer/Songwriter Concert at the Mountaineer Square Ballroom, Mt. Crested Butte, with hearty appetizers and cash bar.
6:00 PM Doors open for concert
7:00 PM The Famous Cattlemen's Days TETWP Concert & Auction at the Mountaineer Square Ballroom, Mt. Crested Butte.
Singer/Songwriters Dean Dillon, Tyler Farr, & James Otto
TICKETS: General Admission \$100 - For VIP & Sponsor Tickets contact Heidi at (970) 209-6332 — gunnisonstetwp.com
- WEDNESDAY JULY 11**
8:30 AM 4-H Rabbit & Poultry Show
9:00 PM Watershed Team Roping & Barrel Racing, w/ Auction
Contact: watershedroping@live.com or (970) 596-5329
6:00 PM Pioneer Banquet at the Elks Lodge
Evening Carnival at the Rodeo Grounds
- THURSDAY JULY 12**
10:00 AM 4-H & FFA Swine Show
2:30 PM 4-H & FFA Market Sheep Show
7:00 PM The #1 Tough Enough to Wear Pink PRCA Rodeo in America.
Everybody wear PINK!
Evening Carnival at the Rodeo Grounds
8:30 PM I-Bar Concert: Evelyn Roper & Opal Moon,
9:30 PM Dale Watson & The Lone Stars - Tickets at www.ibarranch.com
9:00 PM TETWP Dance at the Elks Lodge featuring the band "Lever Action" from Rifle, CO. \$10 per person
Evening Carnival at the Rodeo Grounds
- FRIDAY, JULY 13**
9:00 AM 4-H & FFA Market Goat Show
10:30 AM 4-H & FFA Cattle Show
1:30 PM 4-H & FFA Round Robin Showmanship
7:00 PM PRCA Evening Rodeo **Patriot Night**.
Everybody wear **RED, WHITE & BLUE!**
9:00 PM Dance at the Elks Lodge featuring the band "Lever Action" from Rifle, CO. \$10 per person
Evening Carnival at the Rodeo Grounds
- SATURDAY, JULY 14**
10:00 AM Cattlemen's Day Parade
12:30 PM 4-H & FFA Livestock Buyers BBQ
1:30 PM 4-H & FFA Scholarship Presentation
2:00 PM 4-H & FFA Junior Livestock Auction
7:00 PM PRCA Rodeo - Gunnison Ranchland Conservation Legacy
9:00 PM Saturday Night Wrap Up Party & Dance, featuring the Wooden Nickel Band - Tickets \$5 at the fairgrounds
Evening Carnival at the Rodeo Grounds
- SUNDAY, JULY 15**
9:00 AM Cowboy Church/FCA Services — Rodeo Grounds
TBD Cattlemen's Days Open Jackpot Team Roping - (970) 596-5329

Concessions provided by the 4-H clubs, as well as other vendors.
Exhibits & displays for viewing at the Rodeo Grounds.
Host Motel: Waterwheel Inn / Host Restaurant: The Gunnisack
Host for Hospitality Tent: The Palisades

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Photo: Chris Rourke

GREETINGS & WELCOME, ON BEHALF OF CATTLEMEN'S DAYS INC! I am eager to extend a warm invitation to the 118th Annual Rodeo and Celebration. Cattlemen's Days Rodeo is sanctioned by The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and produces superior rodeo events and services that develop innovations that pay tribute to the oldest sport in America. Annually, the PRCA endorses the top Rodeos in the United States, Canada and Mexico, and Cattlemen's Days competes with the best of them. Cattlemen's Days is the proud leader in Tough Enough to Wear Pink, raising over 3 million dollars locally for breast cancer awareness, assistance, and research. Our Rodeo and Fair is a direct reflection of the investments that the committee and community have pursued for the last 118 years. This testimony deserves a monumental thank you to our sponsors, committee members, volunteers, rodeo personnel, fans and rodeo cowboys and cowgirls.

This year's festivities consist of 4-H shows, Team Sorting, a Ranch Rodeo, the Watershed Barrel Race and Team Roping, a carnival, nightly entertainment and a tremendous community. The first annual Saturday Night Wrap Up Party and Dance will be held at the fairgrounds this year. Once again Cattlemen's Days welcomes 11 time PRCA stock contractor of the year, Stace Smith Pro Rodeo and multi-time PRCA specialty act of the year John Harrison. Andy Stewart, a multiple time PRCA announcer of the year nominee, will be behind the mic. These incredible rodeo professionals will touch your heart strings with laughter and a wild evening of entertainment.

This year's Parade Marshalls are long time Gunnison Veterinarian, Curtis Starkebaum and Cattlemen's Days horse race photographer Sid Dickenson. Thank you both for your lasting support. Cattlemen's Days has been blessed with your talents. If you happen to see a committee member, volunteer or Rodeo Royalty, please feel free to inquire further and learn more about the deep rooted Western Heritage found here in the Gunnison Valley. I am proud to have the opportunity to share this Cattlemen's Days experience with you and look forward to seeing everyone at the 118th year of festivities.

Let's Rodeo!

KEVIN GOBLENTZ
2018 Cattlemen's Days President



CATTLEMEN'S DAYS

118TH ANNUAL

For 118 years, the Gunnison Valley has celebrated its western way of life with annual demonstrations of roping, racing and riding skills. This "Granddaddy of Colorado Rodeos" has grown from an annual get-together by local cowboys and cowgirls to a staged PRCA event that now attracts competitors from around the country.

Born from the tradition of area ranching, the early rodeo took place between spring calving and summer haying. It made its debut on a makeshift Main Street arena and later moved to other venues, including what is now the Western State Colorado University track field. "Pioneer Days" and "Hellorado" were two of the names initially tied to the celebration. After it came under the sponsorship of the Gunnison Valley Stockgrowers Association, "Cattlemen's Days" became the official title. The rodeo eventually began operating under the direction of the Cattlemen's Days, Inc., which built facilities at the current site.

The ranching legacy is no better highlighted than with the pageantry of rodeo. And with over a century of practice, we know how to spotlight Gunnison's heritage. This year, get acquainted with our professional athletes, rodeo volunteers, committee members, and a whole community that welcomes you to Cattlemen's Days.

CATTLEMEN'S DAYS PARADE MARSHALS

CURTIS STARKEBAUM

Recent Gunnisonites who have visited the veterinary clinic on the hill just west of town may be unaware of how long it's been there. Old timers know it was started decades ago by Dr. Curtis Starkebaum, DVM., one of this year's Cattlemen's Days Parade Marshals.

Born in Haxtun, Colorado, Curtis graduated from Colorado A&M in 1945. He then served four years in the U.S. Army and two years in the veterinary corps in Germany. He moved to Gunnison in 1950 and called this valley home for the next 43 years. Curtis and his wife, Alice, raised four sons - all who graduated from Gunnison High School. For two decades, "Doc" was the only animal doctor in town, serving as the official veterinarian for Cattlemen's Days and doctoring stock from local Hereford ranches. He also treated cows and calves owned by Dan Thornton, governor of Colorado from 1951 to 1955 and who owned the Thornton Hereford Ranch in Gunnison. If that didn't keep Curtis busy enough, this country veterinarian taught biology classes part time for 22 years at Western State College (now Western State Colorado University).

Curtis and Alice also made time for additional community commitments. Curtis belonged to the local volunteer fire department for 20 years and was a board member for the Fire Protection District for 10 more. He chaired the Gunnison County Planning Commission when it adopted its first land-use resolution, and for 41 years served in the (now dissolved) Lions Club, a community service organization. Alice belonged to Cowbells, now Gunnison Valley Cattlewomen.

These days, Curtis lives on the Front Range. Besides his four sons (one still lives in Gunnison), he has seven grandchildren.



SIDNEY AND AUDREY DICKINSON



After all the places Sidney and Audrey Dickinson have lived in the world, they have chosen Gunnison to call home. It's where Sidney (his grandkids called him "Punka") graduated from college; it's where Audrey graduated from high school.

But this is the second time around for them.

Sidney, born in Salida, Colorado, attended Western State Colorado University (then called Western State College) on a football scholarship. There, he met his Gunnison native wife, and from there, the two explored the world - via the military; that is. Sidney joined the Air Force, an occupation that kept him air-borne for 22 years.

After initially completing Aviation Cadets and B-26 training, he piloted a plane to Korea, only to learn the war had ended while he was en route. His next step was the Rescue Squadron in Reno, Nevada, with worldwide deployment. His many aviation experiences include flying special air missions in Japan for four years, checking flight navigational aids in Germany for another four years and spending a tour in Vietnam. During much of his international flying career, Audrey and the kids (two by this time) were with him. His son was born in Japan and his daughter graduated high school in Germany.

Eventually, the family came back to Gunnison so Sidney could finish his master's degree. He then taught special education for 10 years. He also took charge of the photo-finish for the Cattlemen's Days races for 15 years.

After 10,000 flying hours, he "never wants to see another plane again." But, according to Audrey, he built airplane models in his spare time. She preferred gardening and reading. The couple have 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren - the next due by this year's Cattlemen's Days.

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TICKETS

- Ticket Booth Opens July 2nd
 General Admission: \$20
 Grandstand Tickets: \$25
 Kids under 12: \$5 with any paid adult ticket
 Pre-Sale Carnival tickets are available July 2nd or until sold out.
 Carnival open July 11-14, afternoons and evenings.