



# Hold Yer Horses For The OK Ranch Rodeo

What's a county fair in America without a rodeo? This year's Clay County Fair brings back another fan favorite grandstand event with the OK Ranch Rodeo.

Slated to take place on Sunday, July 15, at 1 p.m., four-person teams will compete against one another in events that farmers and ranchers encounter in everyday life when working with cattle.

New in 2018 are two ranch rodeo kids' events for ages 13 and under.

Pride is on the line as teams compete and demonstrate skills that are used in everyday cattle ranching operations. As a bonus, cash and prizes will be awarded to the top team in each event. Members of the overall championship team will receive prizes and prize money.

Teams have already submitted

their registration fee, but slots might yet open for more teams. For more information, contact Jason at 701-429-0496, Kelli at 218-234-9268, or send entry fee and registration form to Diamond K Ranch, 21698 110th Avenue North, Hawley, MN 56549.

Teams bring their own horses. Proof of negative Coggins test must be shown upon registration.

Although there are some similarities to rodeos that people are normally accustomed to seeing, ranch rodeo events typically use combinations of roping, horsemanship and ground working skills to create a more genuine presentation of real-life ranch work.

The equipment and tack used in ranch rodeos is the same as that used by farmhands back on the ranch. In contrast, traditional rodeo events use specialized tack and riggings that are not used on



the ranch. Bucking stock are not used in ranch rodeos.

Another difference between ranch and traditional rodeos is that most of the events in traditional rodeos are for individual competitors. There are no individual competitions in ranch rodeos. Teams usually consist of four cowboys. Like rodeos, the events are timed upon successful completion.

No animals are hurt during the competition. The same

cannot be guaranteed about those participating.

All events are centered around common ranching practices that all contestants engage in on a working ranch.

Events may include but not limited to calf doctoring, stray mugging, pair penning, trailer loading, team sorting, branding and wild cow milking.

Even though each team is a contender, anything may happen during competition. A horse may

decide to buck off its rider when preparing to rope a steer. Or maybe a contestant has worked to get a yearling lined out for the winning throw and his big loop gets tangled in the horse's tail. No matter what happens, the audience is well entertained.

Come and enjoy all of the action, excitement, thrills and laughs in a wholesome environment while cheering for your favorite team.



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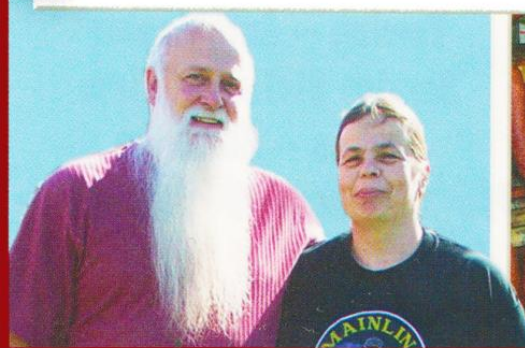
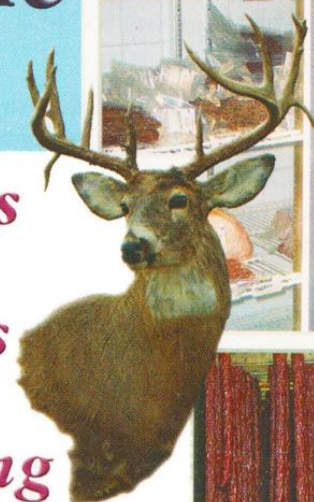


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