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"Big Enough" running by a steer for owner and trainer, Chance Jeffers of Lodge Grass at the Wilsall slack. Chris Witcher is on the hazing side. Jeffers lost this good horse after he got hit on the highway. See story inside. Photo by Mary Armstrong, Gallatin Gateway.

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NRA News

NRA News is the official newsletter of the Northern Rodeo Association and is published to continue the purpose of the Northern Rodeo Association as noted in the Association's rule book, Article 1, page 1.

This newsletter is designed to inform committee members, contestants and rodeo fans of sanctioned rodeos, rule changes and the business related to the Northern Rodeo Association.

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The most money won in the 1993 season was won by Mary Salmond, Choteau, \$8,452.60. She and "NFR Roy" are shown here running barrels in perfect form at Wilsall slack early in the season.

Photo by Mary Armstrong, Gallatin Gateway.

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feed to the NRA Finals.*

*They are supplying feed for the bucking
horses and balls.*

*Big Sky Feeds builds all types of
livestock feeds.*

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*Stop by when you're in town for the
NRA Finals.*

GUEST EDITORIAL

by Butch Bratsky

Well, another year is just about gone, and with it another rodeo season. 1993 appeared to be a successful year with purses and payoffs up in addition to increased contestant numbers. Most rodeo committees enjoyed good attendance at their rodeos and overall it was a great year in the rodeo business. Plans for our upcoming Northern Rodeo Finals are well underway and this honored event should cap off an excellent year with the Northern Rodeo Association. If we all pull together and pitch in and help, we can easily make this again the best rodeo in the State. Everyone's help and efforts will be appreciated and we can all enjoy the success in the end. Let's all pull together and make this our best Finals Rodeo ever!

Congratulations should go out to Deb Greenough and Dan Mortenson, two new World Champions and both from Montana with roots going back to our Northern Rodeo Association. We should be very proud of these two fine young gentlemen, they represented Montana very well at the recent National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas and are excellent role models for the sport of rodeo.

Here's wishing everyone the best in Holiday Seasons and may the coming year bring health and happiness to all. Thanks for making 1993 a record year! See ya at the Finals in February!

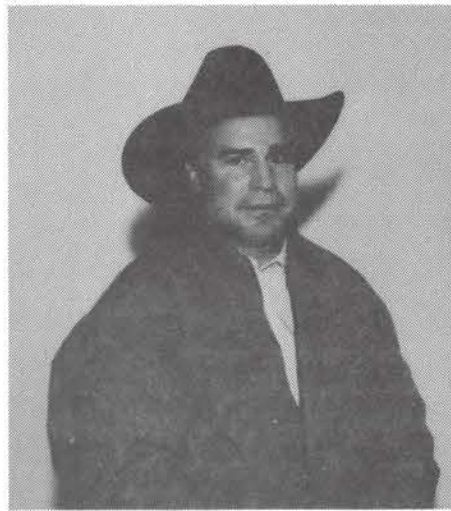


Photo by Tootie.

Pictured is our guest editorialist, Butch Bratsky. A former National Intercollegiate Bull Riding Champion, 1993 NRF judge, recognizable rodeo enthusiast at all levels and is much too dynamic for us to list his many accomplishments and achievements!



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Some of the top in their profession are the 1992 champions and ten of Montana's foremost saddlemakers. Again for 1993, premier saddle craftsmen and women will display their workmanship in the NRA championship saddles. Be sure to view and enjoy them while on display at the Billings Sheraton Hotel during the NRF.



On behalf of the Northern Rodeo Association Board of Directors, cowboys and cowgirls, we extend a sincere **THANK YOU** to the saddlemakers who have chosen to share their talents with us by participating in the NRA Saddlemakers Program. Thank you for making this one of the most unique and prestigious award programs in the country.

Bruce Ruckman Custom Saddles: In his second year of participating in the NRA Saddlemakers Program, this Great Falls saddlemaker learned his trade at a saddlemaking school in Washington and then spent two years as an apprentice to well-known Montana saddlemaker, Alan Pursley. This year, Bruce opened his own shop at 3623-7th Avenue North in Great Falls. Bruce is a past college and NRA saddle bronc competitor and now builds custom saddles and leatherwork, in addition to repairs. Bruce is building the saddle which will be awarded to the 1993 Champion Bareback Rider.

Tim Martz, Wilsall, MT: A fifth-generation Park County native, this Montana saddlemaker is building the trophy saddle presented to the Saddle Bronc Riding Champion for 1993. Tim became interested in leatherwork at a young age, watching his great-uncle build saddles and do rawhide work. In 1989, Tim became serious about saddlemaking and began working with Wilsall saddlemaker Bob Pletan. Tim now builds custom saddles & tack at Pletan's Custom Leather in Wilsall.

Allee Saddlery, Jim Allee: Maker of both the 1992 and 1993 Bull Riding championship saddles, this Greycliff saddlemaker has built saddles since 1951. Learning his leatherworking trade from Wyoming saddler Eddie Stokes, Jim and his wife, Barb own Allee Saddlery located in the Prairie Dog Mall in Greycliff, MT. Stop by and check out their full line of tack including bits and spurs--just off I-90 at exit 377.

Todd Twist, Kalispell, MT: This 26 year-old saddlemaker holds an undergraduate degree in history from Willamett University in Salem, OR. Learning the finer points of saddlemaking from his father, Earl Twist, Todd completes piece work, handles the shop's "overflow" and repairs, in addition to building over 100 knife sheaths this past year. Todd is building this year's Champion Bull Dogging saddle, complete with a Crates "Rod Lyman" tree. Visit Twist's new shop located at 224 Forest Drive in Kalispell.

Nancy Petersen, Three Forks Saddlery: Winner of the 1992 "Cowboy Choice" award for her exquisite work on last year's Champion Calf Roping saddle, Nancy is once again building the saddle awarded to the top calf roper for 1993. Nancy and her husband, Carl, are in their 21st year of business at Three Forks Saddlery. In addition to custom saddles, Nancy also builds headstalls, chaps, belts, and breastcollars. A competitive roper and barrel racer, Nancy competes along with her daughter Jody, and husband Carl, at NRA rodeos throughout the summer.

Ben Swanke, Swanke Saddlery: In 1992, Ben built the top quality saddle awarded to NRA Champion Breakaway Roper, Mary Salmond. For 1993, Ben will be building both the Junior All-Around saddle in addition to the Championship Team Roping saddle. In his 13th year of saddlemaking, Ben custom makes all styles and types of saddles in addition to chaps, breastcollar, and headstalls. Stop by Ben's shop at 219 North 15th in Billings.

Alan Pursley, Broken Arrow Saddlery: Maker of the 1993 Ladies Barrel Racing Championship saddle, this Great Falls saddlemaker has been building saddles for over 20 years and is the maker of the "Montana Barrel Racer", a barrel racing saddle endorsed by top Montana barrel racer, Charolette Schmidt of Cut Bank. Also built at Broken Arrow Saddlery is the Jordan Edition bronc saddle for saddle bronc riders, which this year carried Dan Mortensen to a World Title. Alan, his wife, Anne, and daughter Geri, are very instrumental in Montana rodeo. Stop by the shop located at Westgate Mall in Great Falls.

Wayne Kelly, Stanford, MT: In his second year of participation in the NRA Saddlemakers program, this Stanford saddle bronc rider will be building the saddle awarded to the 1993 Ladies Breakaway Roping Champion. A many time NRA Finals qualifier in the saddle bronc riding event, Wayne began building saddles about ten years ago. Wayne continues to compete in NRA rodeos throughout the season, along with this wife, Mandi, who breakaway ropes.

Earl Twist, Kalispell, MT: Builder of the beautiful 1992 All-Around Cowboy Saddle, Earl's craftsmanship will once again be showcased in the 1993 All-Around Cowboy saddle. Hard work and attention to detail have made Earl's saddles popular with cowboys and movie directors alike. Building custom saddles since 1970, Hollywood directors took notice of Earl's work during the filming of "Heaven's Gate" where some of the crew extras rode his saddles. Now, Hollywood actors order Twist's saddles. Earl and his son, Todd, builder of the 1993 Champion Saddle Bronc Riding saddle, have a shop located at 224 Forest Drive in Kalispell.

Bob Pletan, Wilsall, MT: Crafting the 1993 All-Around Cowgirl trophy saddle is Wilsall saddlemaker Bob Pletan. Bob learned his trade from top Kalispell craftsman, Earl Twist. Bob has been building saddles since 1980, including the superb trophy saddles awarded at the Hardin Team Roping for many years. Bob also built the saddle awarded to the Livingston Roundup Queen this past summer. Bob began leatherworking while in high school, and not only builds custom saddles, but also constructs related tack on a custom basis. Visit Pletan's shop located on Main Street, Highway 89, in Wilsall.



NRA COMMITTEE SEMINAR

All NRA committee personnel are encouraged and invited to attend the committee seminar that will be held in the Sheraton in Billings during the NRA finals February 4-6 Saturday at 9 a.m. in the Sheraton.

Stan Steen, Fair Manager of the Central Montana Fair in Lewistown, is the chairman of the committee seminar and will be assisted by Sandra Hawke, Marketing Director of the Metra.

Stan Steen attended and will be sharing the information he gathered at the International Association of Fairs and

Expositions (IAFE) sponsorship seminar in Miami, Florida held last April.

On the NRA agenda:

*Animal welfare issues.

*What should I ask for a sponsorship value?

*How to retain sponsorships.

*How to sell sponsorships.

*How to make written proposals and initial contacts for sponsorships.

There will be a number of policies set up by a number of fair committees to study.

Also available for viewing will be examples of set-in-place sponsorships.

19TH ANNUAL NRA FINALS Schedule of Events

Wednesday, February 2

Afternoon Stock contractors and stock arrives Night Corrals
7 p.m. Stock contractors dinner Spur Bar and Chuckwagon Cafe

Thursday, February 3

1 p.m. Timed event jackpot MetraPark Arena

Friday, February 4

6:30-9:30 a.m. Complimentary coffee and donuts South Foyers, Sheraton
11:30 a.m. Press Conference Sheraton
1 p.m. General Membership meeting Sheraton
4 p.m. Contestant Check-in Sheraton
5:30-7:30 p.m. Sponsor/Committee Cocktail Party Zonta Room
Cowboy Auction To be Announced
6-11:30 p.m. MetraPark Shuttle (Departs every half hour) Sheraton Lobby
8 p.m. NRA Finals First Performance MetraPark
10 p.m. Dance, video Ballroom, Sheraton

Saturday, February 5

6:30-9:30 a.m. Complimentary coffee and Donuts South Foyer, Sheraton
9 a.m. Junior Event Finals MetraPark
9 a.m. Committee Seminar Sheraton
1 p.m. Board of Directors meeting Sheraton
5:30-7:30 p.m. Sponsor/Committee Cocktail Party Zonta Room
Cowboy Auction To be Announced
6-11:30 p.m. MetraPark Shuttle (departs every half hour) Sheraton Lobby
8 p.m. NRA Finals Second Performance MetraPark
10 p.m. Dance, Video Ballroom, Sheraton

Sunday, February 6

6:30-9:30 a.m. Complimentary coffee and donuts South Foyer, Sheraton
9 a.m. Past Presidents/Secretaries Breakfast Sheraton
10:30 a.m. Cowboy Church Service Skytop Room, Sheraton
Noon-5:30 p.m. MetraPark Shuttle (Departs every half hour) Sheraton Lobby
2 p.m. NRA Finals Final Performance MetraPark
6-6:45 p.m. Cocktails Ballroom, Sheraton
6:45 p.m. Banquet Ballroom, Sheraton
7:30 p.m. Awards Presentation Ballroom Sheraton
9 p.m. Dance, Video Ballroom Sheraton

*Banquet ticket may be purchased at the door for \$12. Advance purchase requested. *Dance tickets \$3 for individuals; \$5 for couples.

*Additional parking available in the Burlington Northern Parking lot on Montana Ave. across the street from the Sheraton. Also parking in parking garage at no charge to hotel guests.

*Prize money check cashing available at Sheraton Front Desk with proper I.D.

ALL THE NEWS OF NRA FINALS WEEK

The 19th Annual NRA Finals February 4, 5, 6, 1994.

ENTRIES FOR THE FINALS will open 9 a.m. Monday, January 3, 1994, and close that same day at 4 p.m. Entries will be CALLED IN to the NRA Office 252-1122. The office requests those in the 11-15th positions also enter at this time as some events may not fill with the top 10 contestants.

Entry forms with fees must be in the NRA office by Friday, January 7, 1994.

The deadline for contestant entry and entry forms received will be strictly enforced.

COCKTAIL PARTIES on Friday and Saturday evenings will be by invitation only for sponsors and committee personnel. The cocktail parties have moved back to the Zonta Room in MetraPark with upgrades in "class and flash." Be sure to bring your button pass for admittance. Call the NRA office in advance for a button pass.

THE COWBOY AUCTION has not yet been completely organized. Look for time and place when you get to Billings.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING is 1 p.m. on Friday at the Sheraton Billings Hotel. Contestant check-in will follow.

CONTESTANT JACKETS, compliments of Coors and Schaefer Outfitters, will be handed out after meeting. Wristbands will also be issued then. The performance schedule will be discussed and pictures will be taken. Please show up for check-in if you plan to compete.

VOTE FOR YOUR DIRECTORS. The ballots are included in this issue. This is important! Please return your ballot to the NRA office by Wednesday, January 19, 1994.

TIMED EVENT BREAK-IN JACKPOT is set for Thursday, February 2 at 1 p.m. Remember this is open to the to

top 15 until January 14 and after that date will be open to any NRA member. (See entry blank in this issue.) There will be a waiting list established so give Jann a call if you would like to compete.

ARENA WARMUP TIMES: The arena will be open for exercise on Friday, from 8 a.m. until noon; on Saturday from 8 to 9 a.m. and on Sunday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

COMMITTEE MINI-SEMINAR is Saturday morning at the Sheraton at 9 a.m. Committees and other interested persons are encouraged to attend.

VIDEOS will again be shown one time only at the Sheraton after each evening performance and videos of all performances will be available to purchase. A dance after each performance will be at the Sheraton.

PAST PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES BREAKFAST is again on Sunday morning at 9 a.m. at the Sheraton. Invitations will be sent the first of January.

We are still searching for people who we have missed in the past. Call Jann and let her know of anyone who should be invited.

PARKING: The Sheraton has made the Burlington North Parking lot (located at 1st Ave. South and 28th Street) available to the NRA. This is for vehicles too large for the parking garage. You can park there after 5 p.m. on Friday through 10 p.m. Sunday evening. No security will be provided.

SHUTTLE: There will be a shuttle service between MetraPark and the Sheraton for those who want to leave their vehicles at MetraPark. There is free parking available for overnight guests of the Sheraton at the parking garage connected to the Sheraton. Absolutely no parking in the post office parking lots next door to the Sheraton.

COMPANION PASSES AVAILABLE

Again this year, NRA finals contestants will be offered half price "companion" tickets. Notice the special blank on the finals entry form for ordering the tickets. Each contestant is entitled to one "companion" set of tickets. Choose from \$8, \$9, \$10 tickets, decide how many performances you want to attend and multiply by price of tickets. Divide that number in half and send that amount to the NRA office with our entry form.

Other tickets can be ordered through the "Special Ticket Offer" also in this issue.

USE ONLY ASSIGNED STALLS PLEASE

Please use only those stalls you have paid for. If you need additional stalls, pay the rodeo secretary or Jann Parker.

Anyone whose horse is found in another barn will be responsible for cleaning the entire barn or fined. The NRA is charged \$100 per barn. This will be strictly enforced. Stalls will be in Barns 21, 23, and 25.



Bull of the year, Bad Orville (#31) of the Jacobs Rodeo Company shows his style with top NRA bull rider, Rob Bright of Helena on board. Bad Orville goes down in history as only being ridden once. Bright also bit the dust. The bull marked a 19 on Saturday night of the 1992 NRF. Photo by Hays Photo, Colstrip.

Northern Rodeo Finals Stock Selected by Cowboys, Contractors

Earning the prestigious Northern Rodeo Association bucking Stock of the Year awards for 1993 are two broke-to-ride, registered Quarter horses and a black-baldy beef bull.

When the ballots were tallied in the Bareback, Saddle Bronc, and Bull Riding events, Comepart and Centennial repeated last year's wins as the Bareback and Saddle Bronc of the Year respectively, while Barley Pop earned the Bull of the Year title. Voted on by the top 15 NRA contestants in each event, this award recognizes top stock for their bucking abilities.

Earning his fourth consecutive Saddle Bronc of the Year title is Centennial, owned by the Northern Rodeo Company of Outlook, Montana.

For the second straight year, the cowboy's choice for Bareback Horse of the Year is Comepart owned by the Small Rodeo Company of Pompey's Pillar, Montana. In 1986 and 1987, in addition to 1992 and 1993, the 13-year-old mare earned the honor of top bareback horse. Comepart was purchased by Dale Small ten years ago through the sale barn.

NRA bull riders selected a black-baldy bull named Barley Pop of the Small Rodeo Company as the Bull of the Year. The five-year-old bull was purchased by Small from an Oklahoma bull contractor this spring. The 1,900-pound bull has been ridden only once--a feat accomplished by Marty Penrod of Miles City, the defending NRA bull riding champion who also garnered the 1992 NRA Bull Riding title.

As a four year old, Barley Pop was voted Bull of the Year in Kansas, in addition to earning Bull of the Finals honors at the Northwest Ranch Cowboys Association Finals in November.

The following stock has been selected for the NRA Finals February 4, 5, 6, 1994
BAREBACK HORSES: Jacobs Livestock Rodeos: F14 Georgie Blue, 111 Bitterroot Red, 327 Bees Wax. Cowboy Enterprises: H2 Danny Boy, H116 Little Porcupine. Northern Rodeo Company: 2 The Brute, 42 Gravel Gertie, 110 Shilo, H22 All Grit, H119 Strawberry. Small Rodeo Company: 28 Rocky, 7 Brown Jug, 181 Deer Lodge, 90 Comepart, 77 Featherweight, J8 Waggoner. Rocky Mountain Rodeo Co: 873 Dunny, 32 Red Devil, 71 One Spot, 209 Super Dave, 119 Silverado.



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**MERRY MERRY MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

SADDLE BRONCS: Jacobs Livestock Rodeos: -11 Melvin O, F18 Camp Robber, 07 Miss Beaver, B76 Red Fox. Cowboy Enterprises: J2 Kenny Buck, H2 Kick-A-Poo. Northern Rodeo Company: 30 Old Yellar, 81 Old Fred, 100 Centennial, 23 Canadian Calverts, 3 Stormie. Small Rodeo Company: 02 Cowboy Capitol, 100 Calvert High, G Arne Up, 11 Black Label, E Cimmaron, 321 Countdown. Rocky Mountain Rodeo Co: 23 Paperboy, 27 Bramby, 28 Charlie, 30 Gray Trails.

BULLS: Jacobs Livestock Rodeos: 111 Tiny Tim, -12 Long George, 15 Smokin Joe, X6 Pistol Pete, 3 Hot House Herbie. Cowboy Enterprises: 0 Corral West Bozo, 94 Long Island. Northern Rodeo Company: 0 Velvet Coke, N10 Dairy King. Small Rodeo Company: 18 Smokin Joe, 28 Taco Time, C65 Barley Pop, 07 Binion Blue, 37 Crazy Leggs, S6 Mousketeer, 20 Twenty Grand. Rocky Mountain Rodeo Co: 44 Mr. Ed, 250 Wild Thing, C Laredo, 245 Rattler, 5 Bob White.



Break-in Jackpot

Thursday, February 3 at MetraPark

Starts Promptly at 1 p.m.

(To select top 10 animals to be used for rodeo)

This jackpot will be open to the top 15 contestants in the NRA standings in the Barrel Racing, Breakaway Roping, Steer Wrestling, Calf Roping, Team Roping until **January 14**. Please return this entry form along with your entry fees to the NRA office by January 14. On Monday, January 17, the jackpot will be opened to any NRA member wanting to compete until the 15 contestants limited to each event is reached. Call 252-1122 to enter. Team ropers: Include your partner's name. **Entry fee must accompany entry.**

There will be two go-arounds with money back in each go and two monies paid in the average. **Entry fees: CR, SW, LBAR - \$50 plus \$10 stock charge. Total \$60 fees. TR - \$50 per man plus \$5 stock charge. Total \$55 per man; LBR \$30 and \$5 office charge.**

Probable order of events: LBR, both rounds of the LBAR, SW, CR, TR. Followed by second round of CR, TR SW.

ATTENTION EVENT DIRECTORS: You will be in charge of your event, of selecting the top 10 cattle (and one replacement) for the rodeo. Everyone's help will be appreciated in making this important jackpot to be a success.

NAME _____

EVENTS _____ TEAM ROPING PARTNER _____

A waiting list will be established. If you are interested, send form and entry fees to NRA office. First come, first served.

SUPPORT YOUR SPONSORS

The Northern Rodeo Association board and members wish to thank our 1993 year-end event sponsors for their support in the record-breaking rodeo year. Thank you and we hope you enjoy the Northern Rodeo Finals.

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SPECIAL COMPANION TICKET OFFER

Each competitor is entitled to purchase a special half price companion pass. *One companion only.* Money must be enclosed with entry blank. Your choice of \$8, \$9, \$10 seats are all available at half price.

Vouchers will be issued, redeemable at MetraPark box office.

Yes, I want to take advantage of the special half-price offer:

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ \$ _____ tickets.

(Indicate if \$8, \$9, \$10 tickets are requested. Remember to divide your ticket price in half.)

ARENA DUST

Bunky Wirtz was surprised with a heart attack on September 16. Latest news is that she has an irregular heartbeat. She is taking medication to clear that up. Bunky is the clerk of schools in Outlook, but her biggest job is keeping Larry in line.

December 23 is the wedding day of **Jodi Ott** and **Vance Ruff**. The darling pair will tie the knot in Belgrade. Congratulations!

You're all invited to the buffet wedding reception of **Lorry** and **Pete Rasmussen** on Monday, December 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chateau Country Club. They got married in the romance capital of the world, Las Vegas, during the NFR. Best wishes to this couple!

Duane Myers of Belgrade suffered a badly broken leg in a car wreck just after he threw a steer in 5.4 seconds. That time won the steer wrestling at the Carpenter Winter Series in November. Myers spent time in intensive care.

The Chateau Acantha (the newspaper office that has been printing the NRA News) has moved from their outgrown-one-room building to a larger, newer and better-equipped building.

It's exciting to see folks we know at the NFR. Some of the contestants from the Northwest included: **Dean Wang**, **Rod Lyman**, **Brad Gleason**, **Dan Mortenson**, **Deb Greenough**, **Shane Schwenke**, **Terry Selland**, **Rod Hay**, **Sharon Kobold**, **Charlotte Schmidt**, **Susie Seppalla**, **Red Lemmel**, **Larry Sandvig**, and **Ken Lensegrav**. Montanans came home with megabucks from the NFR and we couldn't be prouder.

Sad to hear that **D'Ann Witcher's** good 5-year-old sorrel barrel prospect died of colic in Miles City in November while Jack was competing in the team roping at the Senior Pro Tour. "Scottie" was one of those Scott horses that seem to be showing up everywhere.

Montana State women have taken a big lead in the NIRA standings. They have amassed 1,225 points to Black Hills State 765 points.

Heather Hart (NFR qualifier) from Western is leading the women's all-around and the goat tying. **Brenda Ruby** of Northwest College in Powell is 5th in the all-around and 4th in the breakaway, **Jill Ferdina** of Miles City Community College is 4th in

the barrel racing and **Kristy Spring** of Montana State is 2nd in the goat tying.

Tyler Holzum of Northwest College is 2nd in the saddle bronc, **Scott Lund** also of Northwest is splitting 5th in the bareback riding, and **Robert Bright** of MSU is leading the bull riding.

Bob Schall continues to take people's money away from them. Ask him what he did with the \$4,100 he won at Reno at the Senior Pro Tour Finals.

Besides Schall, the Senior Pro Tour Finals in Reno saw lots of familiar names in the results including **Dan Stringari**, **Benny Reynolds**, **Alen Smith**, **Dean Woodard**, **Bucky Bradford**, **Larry Wells**, **Doug' Gordon**, **Carl Peterson**, **Jack Witcher**, **Arlyn Simms**, **Clint Martin**, **Dean Woodard**, **Jack Kinghorn**, and **Rex Cleary**.

Ruth Nettleton of Helena won the beautiful ribbon roping saddle and buckle for the year-end. "Both are a most treasured possession to acquire in a lifetime," claims Ruth.

Women who did well besides Nettleton include: **Teresa Davies**, **Melva McDowell**, **Robin Bauer**, **Margie Woodard**, and **Leta Rascoe**.

Joeleen Ottun made All-State Class B in girls basketball. She is a junior on the Forsyth Dogies team.

Molly McAuliffe now has an easier last name to spell. She is no longer Molly McAwful, she's **Molly Hepper**, alias **Mrs. Gary Hepper**. Congrats to Gary and Molly!

Saddle bronc rider extraordinaire, Past NRA champion, and possibly on his way to a world championship, **Dan Mortenson** and **Kay Sibley** of Bozeman tied the knot in November. Congratulations!

Besides winning a check at Pendleton, **Scott Breeding** won the Bull Riding Championship in Farmington, New Mexico. He scored 81 points, there were over 150 bull riders, it was one head, but best of all: \$2,300!

Winnett and **Beach's** own **Kelly Gorrell** is the NDRA champion breakaway roper. **Val LaFrance** is the reserve champion. **Mary Ketchum** ended up 5th in the standings in the barrel race. **Jim LaFrance** won the calf roping at the finals.

1993 VOTING BALLOT

Every NRA card holding member is invited to vote for three west committee directors and contract personnel. Only contestants who compete in the actual event are eligible to vote for event directors.

Mark a "X" in the box in the front of the person for whom you are selecting. If you desire to write in a candidate, be sure to mark an "X" before his or her name.

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Mail Ballot to:
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Personality Questionnaire and Finals Entry Form

Finals Entry Form

• TOP 10 IN EACH EVENT ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE NRA FINALS. ALL JUNIOR MEMBERS WHO HAVE WON MONEY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE EVENTS ELIGIBLE.

• Entries must be called into the NRA OFFICE on Jan. 3, 1994 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Call 252-1122 to enter. Then: send entry fees with this completed form to NRA office by Friday, Jan. 8. NO EXCEPTIONS. If not received ON FRIDAY, the next person is eligible.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____
SOC. SECURITY # _____ PHONE _____
EVENTS ENTERED _____ TEAM ROPING PARTNER _____
PLEASE ENCLOSE ENTRY FEES: \$150 PER EVENT, TEAM ROPING: \$150 PER MAN. JUNIORS \$20. Total Fees Enclosed _____

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Personality Questionnaire

Name _____ Birthday _____

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Current occupation _____ If student, where _____

College Major _____ Marital Status _____

Spouse's name _____ Children's names, ages _____

Rodeo events you participate in _____

Biggest win in 1992 _____ Biggest lifetime win _____

Have you competed at NRA finals before _____ Years _____

Number of rodeos in 1992 _____ Favorite rodeo _____

Who most influenced rodeo career _____

Why do you rodeo _____

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If you could write a rule in NRA rule book, what would it be _____

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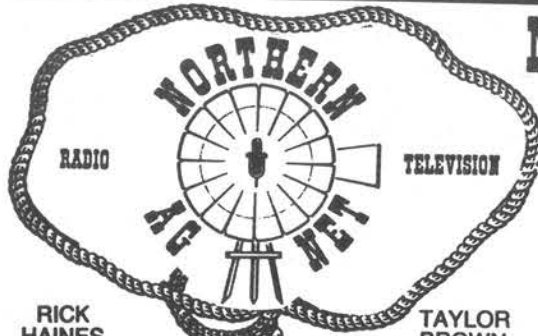
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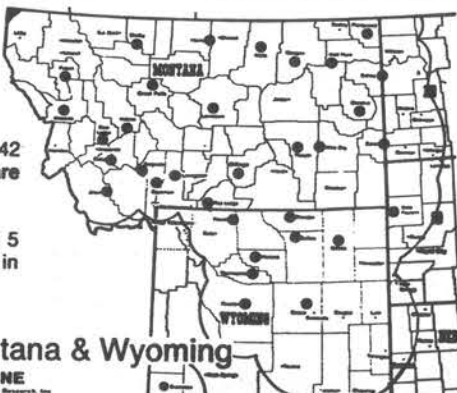
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WIRTZ'S CENTENNIAL WINS SILVER--AGAIN

There are three NRA championship headstalls hanging on the wall in Larry and Bunky Wirtz's kitchen in Outlook. They are full of silver and are not used on the horse who won them--because that horse doesn't use a headstall; he bucks!

The horse who won those championship headstalls is Centennial. He was appropriately named by Wirtz during Montana's Centennial year, 1989, and the bay 9-year-old horse has a 100 branded on his hip.

This great horse is on his way to winning his fourth consecutive NRA title. Besides winning the NRA saddle bronc horse of the year four times, Centennial has been chosen top saddle bronc of the NRA finals twice.

In November of 1992 he was unanimously voted by 13 stock contractors as World Champion Saddle Bronc Horse of the NARC World Finals Rodeo in El Paso. Wirtz was awarded a Resistol hat in 1991 because Centennial was the highest marked horse at the NARC finals.

"He bucks pretty much the same every trip, straight-away," says Wirtz, "but his rankest trip was with Marty Tomlin at the NRA finals in 1991. Marty really tried him. Centennial came around real hard and Marty really tried him." Well, he tried, but Centennial bucked him off.

1992 NRA Saddle Bronc Champion Kent Robbins of Corvallis has drawn Centennial two times--both at the NRA Finals. The first year Robbins was thrown off and the second year Robbins admits, "He had me bucked off and I had to keep trying him to ride him." Robbins won the go round. Robbins says "He is small, but he's the quickest, strongest horse I have ridden in the NRA."

The gentle, well-mannered bay gelding started in high school rodeos as a bareback horse. "Then he graduated into the bronc riding and into the NRA," comments Wirtz.

Claude Saler raised the Quarter horse in Jordan. Wes Watson broke him as a two-year-old; but the Jordan rancher "couldn't get to the bottom of him. He put lots of rides on him," adds Wirtz. "The ground schooling he had as a young horse makes him real nice to be around."

"We've hauled him in horse trailers and tied him up with the saddle horses. He's very easy to handle, good in the chutes, he has no bad habits--he just bucks." says Wirtz.

Dave Washburn of Cody said that Centennial was the most outstanding bronc in the draw. When asked if he would like to draw him again, he said, "Heavens yes! I'd like to draw him any time, any where." He continued, "The

horse is better inside than out, but he is a nice horse, he kicks hard, he's great, he's honest, he's the cowboys' choice because you can score lots of points if you can ride him."

"Cowboys kept score over a five-year period," says Wirtz. "He bucked 59 times and there were eight qualified rides." Those eight talented bronc riders were Dan Mortenson at the Jordan Rodeo, Don Tescher at Brockway Dairy Days, Tom Kuka at Dodson, Terry Haughian at Brockway Dairy Days, Kent Robbins at the 1992 NRA Finals, Fidel Olivas at the NARC Finals, Troy Stoll at the Rosebud County Fair in Forsyth, and Dave Washburn at the Garfield County Fair in Jordan.

Bronc riders get real excited when they draw this horse. Washburn was








getting down on Centennial at Jordan when someone noticed that he had forgotten his spurs! A voice said, "You might need your spurs to ride this horse." Washburn promptly jumped out the chute and ran to his riggin' bag and got his spurs.

"We haul him with the rest of the horses and buck him at all of our NRA rodeos. We buck him at the match bronc riding, the NDRA rodeos and when I help Dale (Small) like at Forsyth," says Wirtz. "He probably gets bucked 10-12 times a year."

Larry and Bunky Wirtz of Outlook are the owners of the Northern Rodeo Company. They have one son, Delton who is very active in all aspects of helping putting on rodeos and a daughter, Brenda who is employed in Helena.



Here's Wirtz's Centennial, four-time NRA Horse of the Year with Craig Miller aboard.

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FAIR CONVENTION GROWS

Shelby, Lewistown, Livingston, Forsyth, Superior, Plentywood, Scobey, Havre, Billings, Deer Lodge, Fort Benton, Hamilton were some of the NRA fair committees who were represented at the Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs Convention in Great Falls November 11-13.

Stan Steen, Central Montana Fair Director at Lewistown started attending the fair convention in 1970. "I liked this convention, but the feelings of close family relationships is gone because of the growth it has made," says Steen. "This year it seemed difficult to get around and talk with everybody because of the tremendous growth of the organization."

The Central Montana Fair is experiencing growing pains, "Most of our changes are construction related," comments Steen. The rodeo at the Central Montana Fair at Lewistown will have no changes.

Attending his first Rocky Mountain Association of Fairs Convention was Dan Majerus. "I enjoyed it; it was informative, and we accomplished quite a bit," says Majerus. "We compared notes when we got back and discovered that we had learned a lot." Majerus added that he plans to attend the convention next year in Billings.

Majerus is a member of the Marias County Fair Board of Shelby and is on the Conrad Lion's Club rodeo committee as well.

"If we lose horse racing (in Shelby) we will expand the rodeo to three performances," says Majerus.

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Gary Richardson (alias, Birdshot) has designed and built saddle racks so that the 1993 NRA Champions have a unique place to hang their new saddles.

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Richardson has been building handmade pine and Aspen furniture for five years. He and his family live in Wise River, "Right off main street. Can't miss us." comments Birdshot.

The Richardsons have two beautiful blond twin girls, Jordan and Taylor who will be three years old in January.

Richardson is a 1979 NRA champion saddle bronc rider and has won the Turquoise Circuit twice.

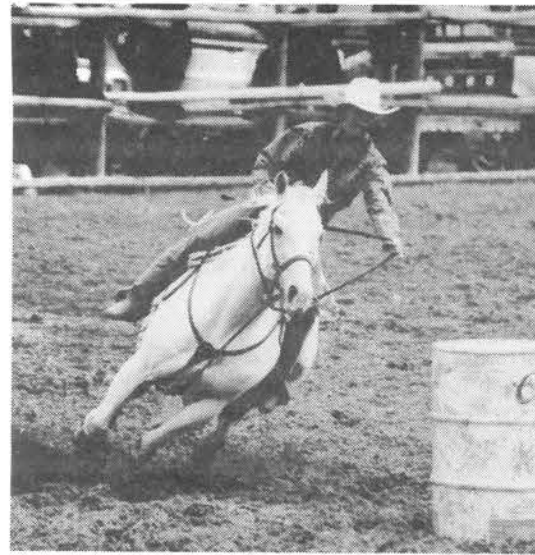
When asked if he was going to rodeo next summer, his wife Robin answered, "He says every year that he is quitting, but every year he enters again."

Robin Richardson is a story herself. She raises Angora goats and is taking orders for Mohair chaps.

Contact the Richardsons for a catalog that includes their full line of merchandise and be sure to look at those championship saddle racks!



Easy money was won by Helena bareback rider, Steve Cutler. Here he jerks his knees and scores 74 points for 2nd place on horse #68 named Easy Money of the Rocky Mountain Rodeo Company owned by the Carpenter family. Photo by Mary Armstrong, Gallatin Gateway.



High School Sweetheart, Mandi Holland of Dillon, turns a barrel on Silver at White Sulphur Springs on Labor Day, 1993. This is Mandi's last year in the junior events. Photo by Mary Armstrong, Gallatin Gateway.

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CHOTEAU ROPE & SLOPE

by Adele Stenson

If you are a roper who skis or a skier who ropes, you won't want to miss the second annual Choteau Rope and Slope, scheduled for January 29 and 30 in Choteau, Montana.

The competition begins on Saturday with a three-go team roping in the Weather Beater indoor arena in Choteau. Saturday night the action keeps on going with a dance and cowboy auction.

Sunday the competitors hit the ski slopes at Rocky Mountain downhill obstacle course race. Last year's run included saddling a dummy horse on skis, and ducking and maneuvering through several obstacles. The course last year provided a challenge for skiers and a lot of fun for spectators. This year's obstacles will have a few new twists, so second-time competitors can still look forward to some surprises.

Total points are tallied for the roping and skiing to determine the top overall teams. The top overall teams receive cash prizes. Added prizes will be awarded as well.

The entry fee is \$75 per person, and each entrant must enter with a partner. 60% of the entry fee goes toward the prize fund. The entry fee also includes the stock charge, dance and a full-day lift ticket to Rocky Mountain Hi for the Sunday of the race. The more teams who enter, the larger the prize jack pot.

The Rope and Slope is sponsored by the Choteau Jaycees and several area businesses. For more information or to register to enter, please call (406) 477-2931 or (406) 467-3121 or write to Adele Stenson, P.O. Box 190, Choteau, Montana 59422.



ATTENTION SECRETARIES

Rodeo secretaries: If your rodeo paid any one contestant \$600 or more, you are required by the IRS to send 1099s. If you need contestant social security numbers, they are available from the NRA office. Please call the NRA 252-1122. Federal law requires these are filed by Jan. 31.

JEFFERS LOSE A GOOD ONE

Sad news at the Jeffers house this fall. "Big Enough," Chance Jeffers' steer wrestling horse got out on the highway and a car hit and killed him.

"Something broke the top three wires in the brush in his pasture where he got out," says Hale (Chance's father). "It had to be a deer (who broke the wires) because nothing else was in the pasture with him."

"Big Enough's" registered name is Prairie Oak; he was sired by Doc's Oak and out of a Little Mose mare. "He sired 48 walking colts," reports Jeffers who owned the 11-year-old for seven years.

The horse had had cutting horse training before Jeffers received him as a gift from Phil Yeckel who raised him. "Everybody knew he could cut cattle," says Jeffers, "Phil's wish was to have something done in the rodeo arena on him."

Chris Witcher relates this story about the Big Enough: "One of the first times I saw this horse, I wondered what Chance was going to do with him. The team roping cattle were down at the other end of the arena and Chance started cutting them. I thought this was someone's fancy cutting horse that Chance was tuning up."

"We got the cattle back in the chute and then Chance runs him by some steers! Unbelievable. Pretty impressive."

"He was definitely one of a kind. When we were in college we hauled three geldings, one mare and that stud loose in a trailer and then turned them out in a pasture together. He never caused any problems."

Chance trained the young stud and used him in the steer wrestling while his father hazed and helped.

"All I really did was gather a harem for the horse," says the elder Jeffers, 1973 NRA Steer Wrestling champion.

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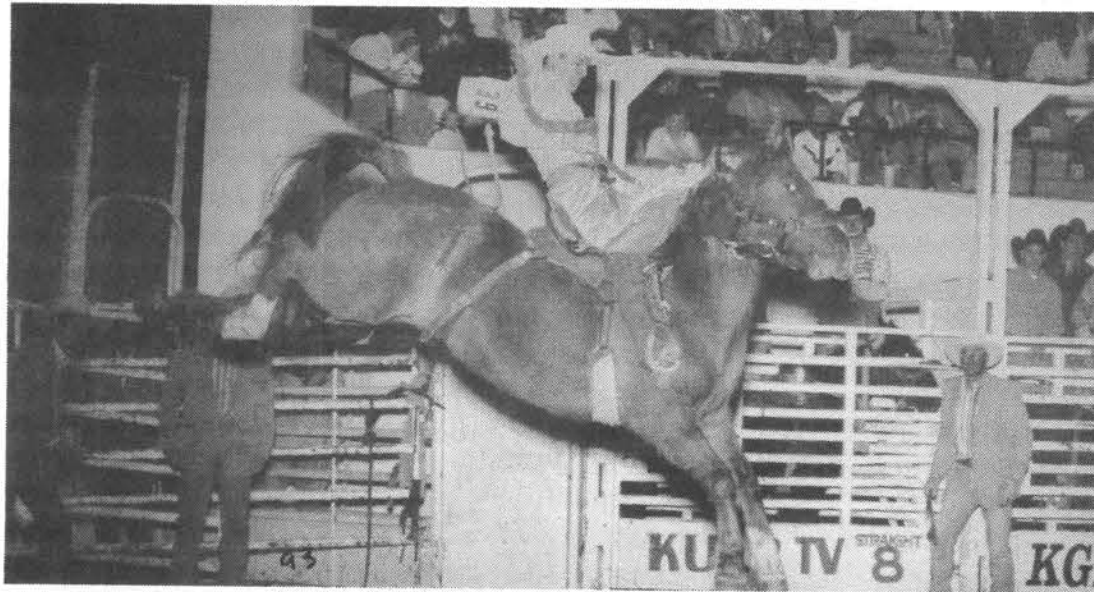
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Here's Canadian bronc rider, Sylvan Bourgeois, on past NRA bucking horse of the year, Calvert High of the Small Rodeo Company String at the 1992 NRA finals. Bourgeois did not qualify, but the Calvert marked a 20 one side. Photo by Hays Photo, Colstrip.

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STEER WRESTLING

1. Chad Buffington, Malta\$600.96

2. Jason Buffington, Malta78.72

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1. Shawn Sullivan, Cody, Wyo.\$1,566.03
2. Justin Vietor, Philipsburg472.82
3. J.O. Jenson, Cody, Wyo.411.79
4. Dale Vayro, Del Bonita, Alta.121.44

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3. Brandon Byington, Helena315.79
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3. Nacona Pauley, Miles City.....565.44

ALL-AROUND COWBOY

1. Shawn Sullivan, Cody, Wyo.\$2,434.29
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5. Ray Brekke, Helena1,903.27
6. Lane Yeager, Choteau1,393.37
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8. Keith Blewett, Helena1,083.36
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10. Greg Gibson, Australia855.36
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14. Ben Wrzesinski, Helena335.52
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7. Bill Theriault, Harlowton2,084.10
8. Jim Walker, Lovell, Wyo.1,754.40
9. Tyler Holzum, Manhattan1,636.80
10. Mike Twitchell, Jordan1,539.07
11. Shawn Stroh, Glendive1,315.13
12. Walt Lockie, Angela1,169.50
13. Larry Stover, Nashua1,160.29
14. George B. Schmidt, Bigfork1,126.71
15. Wayne Kelly, Stanford1,081.99

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6. Monte Finn, Big Timber3,290.78
7. Stewart Schall, Rigby, Id.3,058.88
8. Keeley Montgomery, Rosebud3,052.67
9. Jess Matt, Cut Bank2,924.33
10. Joe Nahrgang, Dillon2,855.94
11. Audie Anderson, Hamilton2,602.35
12. Lari Sluggett, Roy2,567.06
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14. Shawn Penrod, Rosebud2,355.91
15. Marty O'Brien, Belgrade2,327.48

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13. Ron Schenk, Helena1,334.40
14. Duane Meyer, Bozeman1,318.08
15. Tony F. Strainer, Helena1,224.86

CALF ROPING

1. Chris Witcher, Miles City4,312.58
2. Bill Boyce, Lewistown3,756.13
3. Jim Bode Scott, Shepherd3,569.29
4. Darryl Crowley, Poplar3,465.15
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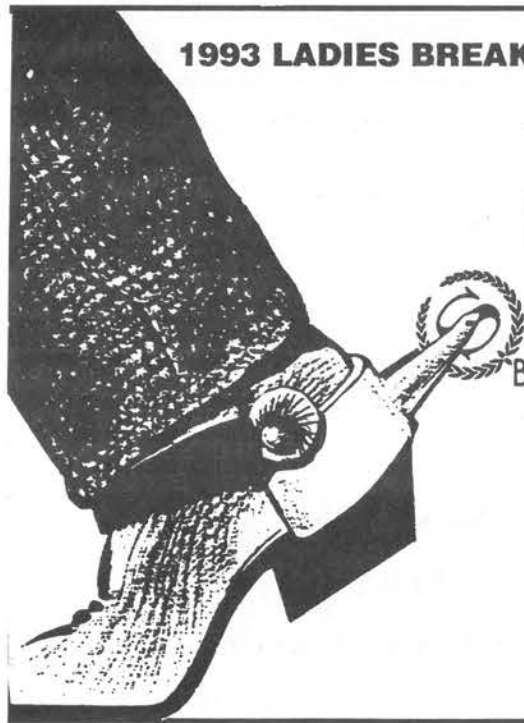
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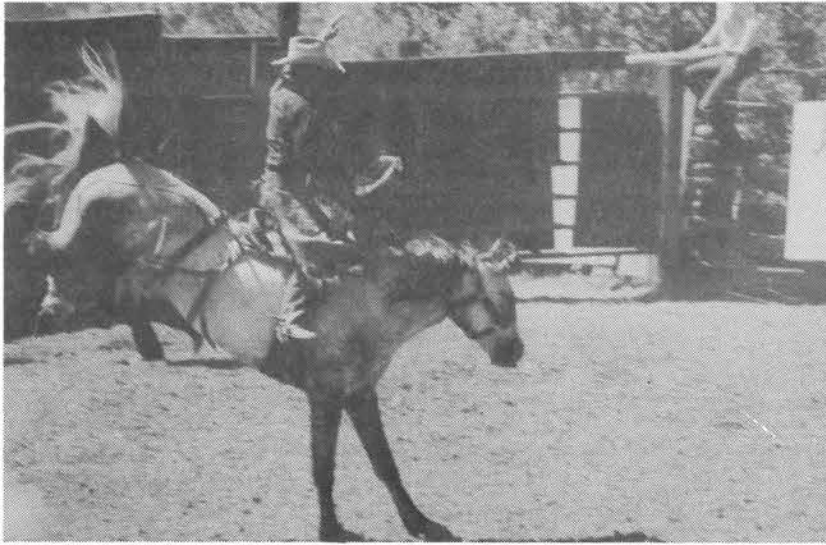
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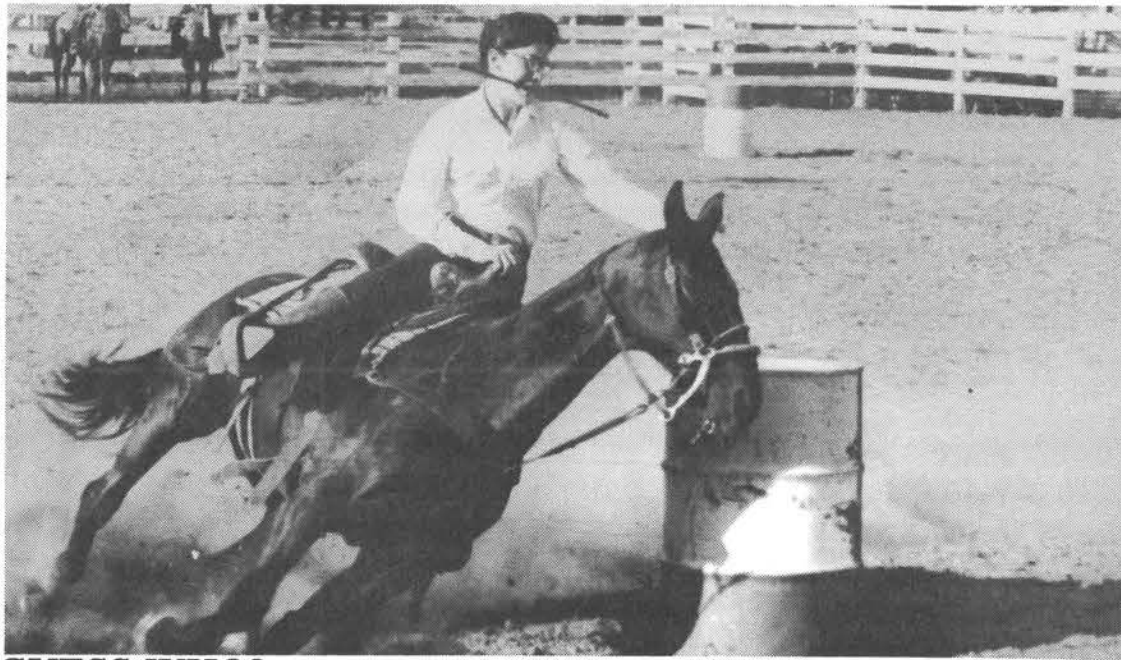
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Paul Solberg, Outlook, just moments before the wreck he took in June at the Broken Horn Stampede in Absarokee. Photo by Mary Armstrong, Gallatin Gateway.



GUESS WHO?

Jean Boyce Ereaux, that's who. She's the mother of B. Ereaux Ellis and the wife of Carroll. This horse (Jet) and Jean won the Rocky Mountain College Region before B. was even thought of and before there was a rule that hats were required!

SULLIVAN WINS THREE BUCKLES

Eleventh place is a disheartening place to end up in the NRA standings unless you are Shawn Sullivan and are leading the All-Around Cowboy Rookie Standings. He's also leading the Rookie Calf Roping and Rookie Team Roping. He'll be wearing three fancy silver buckles and won't even need to enter the NRA finals rodeo.

A 1992 graduate of the University of Arizona at Tucson, Sullivan's favorite event is the calf roping. Agricultural Economics was his major; but in the 1993 season, his major was calf roping.

"I never roped a calf in my life until about 3 1/2 years ago," admits Sullivan. "The first calf I roped, the horse flipped over with me in the box. It was a total wreck."

Sullivan won \$1,566.03 in the calf roping in the NRA and the remainder of his winnings were in team roping.

"Dave Washburn of Cody encouraged me to rodeo in the NRA," says Sullivan. "The NRA is a good association, and I wanted to be a part of it."

Sullivan's 12-year-old sorrel calf horse formerly was named Goose. Since he craves dog food, he was renamed Snoopy. "He craves dog food," says Sullivan, "He'll lean over a fence to get to dog food."

"Snoopy (alias, Goose) is not the greatest horse in the world, but he sure is better than a lot of the others," relates Sullivan. "I get along with my horse pretty good."



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"It's the best program they ever came up with as far as bronc riding is concerned," says veteran bareback rider Bob Schall of Arlee. "It took about two years for it to take hold, but right now it gives the young boys a chance to see if they want to go on. It gives them confidence and is a good stepping stone."

"I have mixed feelings (about the Rookie Bareback Riding)," says Dave Washburn of Cody. "but it is the best solution there is for getting more bareback riders. It's supposed to draw more riders and it's doing that. It would just be nice to have the money in one pot."

Committee person, Amy Robbins of Corvallis, thinks that the Rookie Bareback Riding has helped the NRA Bareback Riding. "There seems to be more entries in the regular than before the rookie started. Entries (at Hamilton) were up this year in all events. The bareback riding used to be very short of entries. The crowd likes it," says Robbins.

Another seasoned bareback rider suggests, "If I were a stock contractor, I would put my old worn-out horses in the Rookie Bareback Riding," says Darryl Lamb. "That way they could get another year or two out of them."

He and others are concerned about the safety of young horses and young riders learning together.

"The people in the grandstand benefit the most," comments Schall. "They can see the young people compete. They can see the difference between the pro and the rookie cowboy."

"It's definitely a crowd pleaser," echoes Marty Buckingham of Terry. "I think they should take some Rookies to the finals."

"Hats off to the contractors for instigating the program!" adds Schall.

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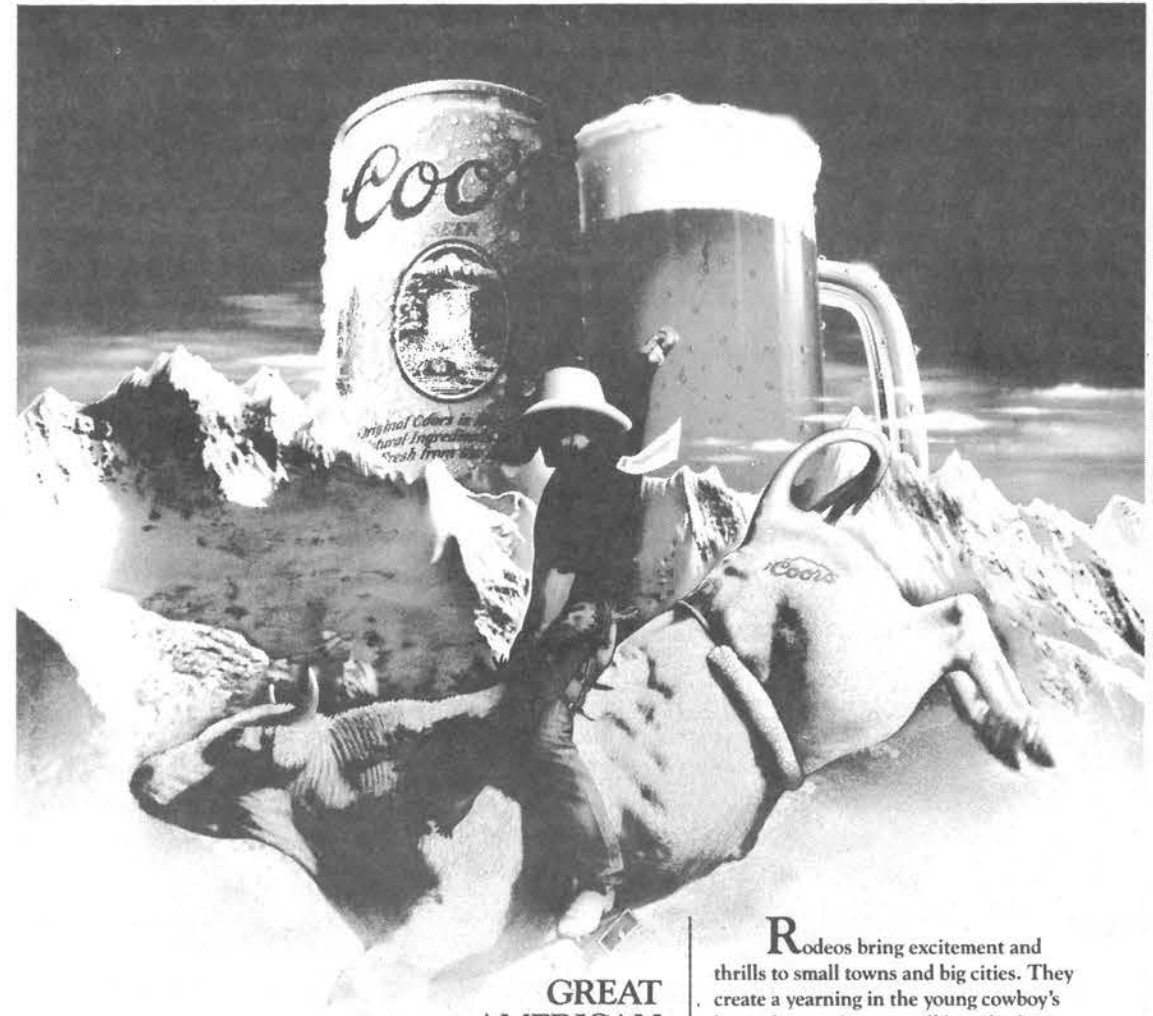
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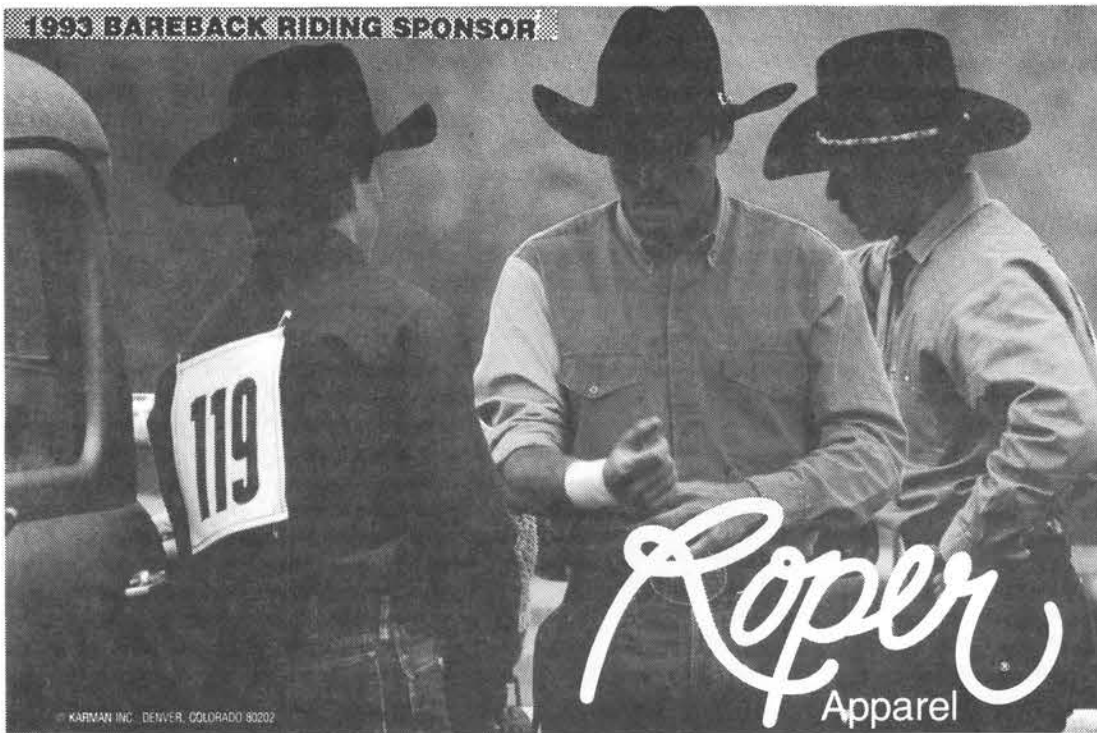
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PERMITS: Entitles purchaser to work all sanctioned rodeos accepting permits as listed in the newsletter until \$500 is won. After \$500 money limit is won by permit holder, a card must be purchased. The price of card to be the dollar difference between the cost of a permit and the cost of the card. Permit holder's points will be credited to the yearend standings, however, the contestant must be a card holder to compete at the NRA Finals. The \$500 money limit will be accumulated from year to year, allowing the contestant to purchase a permit each year until the \$500 is won. A card holder the previous year cannot purchase a permit the following year.
A CONTESTANT COMPETING IN BOTH ADULT AND JUNIOR EVENTS MUST HOLD BOTH A JUNIOR AND ADULT MEMBERSHIP

Back side of application must be completed to guarantee processing of membership application.

RELEASE AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE

In consideration of being allowed to participate in Northern Rodeo Association sanctioned events and membership in the Association, I and my heirs, successors, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby **RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE** and agree to **HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY** the Northern Rodeo Association, the rodeo committees, stock contractors, sponsors, arena operations or owners, their agents, representatives (collectively referred to as the NRA) from all liability to me and my personal representatives, heirs, successors, and next of kin from and all claims and liability for all loss of damage, and any claim of damages therefore on account of any injury to my person including death or damage to my property while I am utilizing NRA facilities or participating in NRA events.

I, hereby represent to the NRA that I understand that **THERE ARE CERTAIN RISKS OF SERIOUS INJURY AND DEATH** inherent in participating in rodeo events and any related activities. I realize conditions of the rodeo arena change from time to time and may become more hazardous, that rodeo animals are dangerous and unpredictable and there is **INHERENT DANGER** in rodeo which I appreciate and voluntarily assume because I choose to participate in such events. I make this choice even though I have observed or participated in events of this kind in the past and know conditions, facilities, rodeo animals, and other rodeo contestants and participants pose a danger to me. I recognize and expressly agree to assume the entire risk of any and all accidents or personal injury including serious paralysis or death which I might suffer during my participation in said events.

I further **COVENANT AND AGREE NOT TO SUE THE NRA** for any injury, damages or death which occur as a result of my participation in said events and any claim or damage therefore. I understand that this document maybe treated as a complete defense to any legal action I might bring against the NRA for any injuries or other damages I might suffer.

I understand and agree this **RELEASE AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE** extends to any and all claims I may have, specially including but not limited to, claims arising out of participation in said events, claims with respect to the design, manufacture, repair, or maintenance of the facilities or equipment which I will be using, or with respect to the conditions, qualification, instructions, rules or procedures under which my use of said facilities or equipment are conducted or from any other cause.

I **UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THIS RELEASE AND AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE** extends to **ACCIDENT, INJURY, OR DEATH OCCURRING DURING THE TERM OF MY MEMBERSHIP IN THE NRA**. Any subsequent Releases and agreement I might sign in the future shall amplify, but shall in no way limit, the provisions of this document.

I further state and certify that I have carefully read the foregoing Release, know the contents thereof and sign this Release and Agreement Not to Sue as a free and voluntary act. I am not relying on any statements of representations of any party released hereby. I **UNDERSTAND THIS IS A RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS**.

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Member _____
(Your signature must be notarized)

(Parent or legal guardian must sign if applicant is a minor under the law of the state of residence and/or a High School Rodeo Association Member.)

I declare that I am a parent or legal guardian of the above named minor. I have carefully read the foregoing Release and Agreement Not to Sue. I know the representations made are true. I agree to be bound by the terms of the Release and Agreement Not to Sue both personally and as representative of the interests of the minor.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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On this _____ day of _____, 199__, before me the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State of _____, personally appeared _____ known to me to be this person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same.

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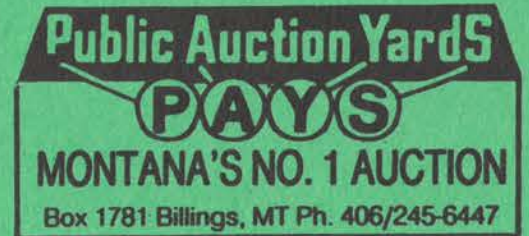
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