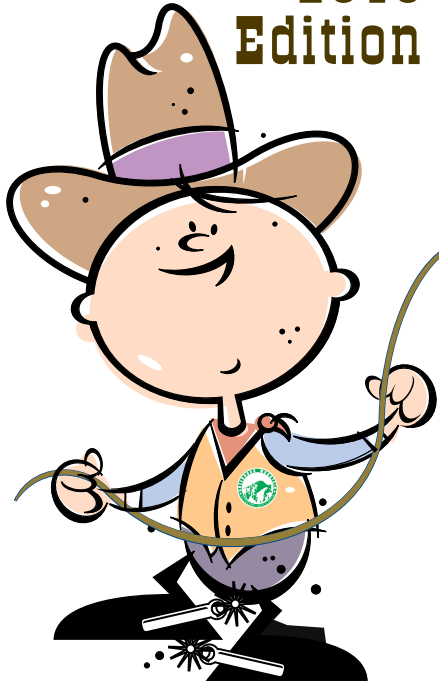


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YOUR COMPLETE GUIDE TO GLENNVILLE RODEO WEEKEND

Kenneth Kisor

2016 GMVA Rodeo Grand Marshal

The 2016 Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association Rodeo will kick off its 68th Annual event with a grand parade and we are honored to have local resident and GMVA member Ken Kisor serving as Grand Marshal.

Ken was born in Hood River, Oregon and grew up in the Donner Summit, Sacramento, and Bay area before moving to Bakersfield in 1964. He graduated from North High and began working for Southern Pacific Railroad as a Maintenance and Way Electrician. He was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1966 and served in Vietnam in the 1st Logistic Command, 48 Transportation Unit, 543 Transportation Company. Upon his discharge in 1968, he returned to his position at Southern Pacific and worked there until his retirement in 2000.

His passion has always been restoring antique and classic cars. He and Chris Addington were instrumental in forming the Bakersfield Car Club



Kenneth Kisor, 2016 GMVA Grand Marshal who puts his heart and sole into this rodeo and the rodeo grounds he cares for.

Council to promote local car clubs and their events. He has owned many antique, classic and street rods over the years, but one, a 1929 Ford Roadster pickup, has stayed with him since 1964.

Ken and his wife of 49 years, Patsy, moved to Glennville in 1995. Ken has been very involved in the GMVA since moving to Glennville, serving as Commander from 2006 through 2008. Ken is currently on the GMVA Board and is in charge of Building and Grounds. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for Ken's service to our country and for his valuable service to the GMVA organization. There are not enough words to thank Ken for providing not only his expertise but the tireless work that he puts into this rodeo and the rodeo grounds.

The 2016 GMVA Rodeo parade will take place on June 12th, beginning at 11 a.m. in downtown Glennville. For more information, visit www.glennvilleroodeo.org.

2016 Legacy Award Recipient Petrol Transport - Ted "Brownie" Barnard, Jr.

The GMVA Legacy Award is an annual event that honors outstanding individuals or businesses who have made game-changing contributions to create a better Glennville Rodeo year after year. Each honoree has gone above and beyond to improve the quality of our rodeo. In 2014 we proudly presented Mary Trichell with the 2014 Legacy Award Spurs to thank her for her outstanding contributions to our organization. In

2015 Emporium Western Store was awarded the Legacy Award.

This year we are proud to honor Brownie Barnard, a familiar face to Woody and Glennville, having ranched here for over 20 years. His company, BLM Transport (Petrol Transport) has been a faithful Glennville Rodeo Sponsor for many of those years. In our good times and bad, Brownie and his family have been a valued sponsor, often

MOUNTAIN CATTLE DRIVE

by Nancy Carver

If you are a fan of Western stories or have lived in or traveled through a ranching community chances are you have experienced a cattle drive. Cattle drives are a means of moving large numbers of cattle from one place to another on foot (vs trucking). In the

"old days" the cattle drive allowed the producer to get his cattle from the ranch to the stockyards where they were sold and loaded on the train for markets farther North. For small ranchers like us, a cattle drive is a means of moving our cattle from our ranch headquarters in Glennville to our lower ranch 20 miles away. Cattle are moved several times a year. In the Fall cattle are driven from our ranches here in the foothills to their winter/breeding pastures at lower (warmer/greener) elevations on the valley floor. In spring the cattle drive is reversed when the cattle are driven from the lower elevation ranches back up to the higher elevations ranch this takes 4 days. In summer our cattle are driven up to the Greenhorn Mountains for summer grazing. Our family has been doing cattle drives for over 70 yrs. Our (Fall) Thanksgiving cattle drive lasts 3 days and covers 20 miles come rain or shine or snow! Back when my husband was a youngster his dad planned the Fall drive during the kids' Thanksgiving holiday break so that the kids could help. That tradition continued even after the kids went away to college when they would return with their friends and college roommates to help.

Cattle drive mornings start with a 4:30 AM alarm. We are saddled, loaded up, and headed out



to the corral or holding pen where the cattle spent the night by 5:30-6:00 AM. The cattle are let out onto the 2 lane highway as soon as it is day light enough for them to be seen clearly by oncoming motorists. We drive the cattle for a couple of hours then stop for a little break.

Our noon break is the longest. Towards 3-4 PM we turn the cattle into the corral for the night. We leave the cattle in "neighbors" corrals or small lots along our route for the night. These lots usually have water and grass. In the old days of long cattle drives; cowboys slept under the stars and took turns keeping watch over the herd at night. We get to come home to our warm, soft beds and for that, we are so thankful! We usually have a crew of 4 cowboys and



cowgirls on horseback and an assortment of cattle dogs to help with cattle drive. I drive the truck and horse trailer in front of the herd to warn oncoming traffic of cattle in the road. (I also ferry all the lunches and drinks... so in essence I am the chuck wagon too!) We do share the road (according to CA DMV "livestock have a right of way" on California roadways); so we try to use common courtesy and be as helpful as we can to motorists needing to get through our cattle drive. If we have more than one vehicle needing to get through we try to send a cowboy escort to guide them through the herd. There are a couple of unspoken cattle drive etiquette "rules" we would like motorists to know and observe.

Please be considerate of the livestock and their handlers! I know we may slow down your commute

What's Happening at the Rodeo?

2016 Glennville Rodeo Schedule

SATURDAY, JUNE 4th

5:00 PM Glennville Rodeo Queen Speech and Modeling Competition and Dinner.
PUBLIC IS INVITED - \$10 per person for dinner.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9th

12 NOON Campground Opens to public

All campsites are designated and limited. These are "dry camp" campsites. All campsites are assigned on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. No reservations will be accepted.

NO campers or trailers from the public will be allowed to set up before Thursday, June 5th at 12 noon.

4:00 PM Glennville Rodeo Queen Horsemanship Competition
GMVA Beer Stand will be **OPEN**

6:00 PM Glennville 4-H Taco Dinner
Dinner proceeds benefit Glennville 4-H Club

FRIDAY, JUNE 10th

9:00 AM Small Miracles Foundation Benefit Roping Sign-Ups

10:00 AM Small Miracles Team Roping \$4000 Added Money: 4 in 1...4 for \$40 (Pick 1/Draw 1; #5, #7, #9 and #11 all in one pot) Buckles to average winners.

5:00 PM Cocktails - 7:00 PM *Small Miracles Foundation Dinner*, Live Auction (following dinner) and dance

SATURDAY, JUNE 11th

8:00 AM GMVA Jackpot Roping Registration

9:00 AM GMVA Jackpot Roping begins

Open Draw 3 for \$30; Pick 1/Draw 1 or Draw All 3 for \$30; #5-1/2 Pick or Draw 3 for \$30. Saddle to High Money Roper, Buckles to Average Winners.

5:00 PM Barrel Race-Practice Runs.

7:00 PM Lauren P. Small Memorial Barrel Race for added money!

8:00 PM GMVA Rodeo Dance featuring "Branded Heart"

SUNDAY, JUNE 12th

9:00 AM Cowboy Church at GMVA Hall

7:00 AM -10:30 AM Breakfast

10:00 AM Parade entries check in at Linn's Valley School

11:00 AM Rodeo Round Up Parade Begins - Downtown Glennville

11:30 AM Parade Concludes at Rodeo Grounds/BBQ in Park

11:30 PM Rodeo Gates Open

1:30 PM Queen Coronation

!! 68th Annual Glennville Rodeo Begins !!

TICKET INFORMATION

Pre-sale Tickets are available at the
Emporium Western Store or on-line at
!!! www.glennvilleroodeo.org !!!!

Presale Ticket Prices: Adult \$12.50

Children 3-12 \$ 8.00

Day of Event Prices: Adult \$15.00

Children 3-12 \$10.00

Saturday Night Barrel Racing is produced by the West Coast Barrel Racing Association.

Contestants can register through their website at
www.westcoastbarrelracing.com

Saturday Jackpot Roping Produced by Paul Mullins and
Thunderhead Ranch.

For more information call 818-314-0635

Connect with the Band "Branded Heart"



Jason Gill, Greg Elam, Don Abbot, Jimmy Pettis & Jim McCartney

Branded Heart, local country favorites, will perform at the 2016 Glennville Rodeo dance on Saturday, June 6th. This band offers original music and foot-stomping covers of traditional and contemporary country, with a little rock and roll. The band is currently the house band at the Buck Owens Crystal Palace.

The doors will open at 8 PM and the cost of \$5 per person. All guests must show a valid ID in order to purchase drinks at the bar. We will party with Branded Heart until midnight. Come join us for a great time and a great way to kick off the 2016 Glennville Roundup Rodeo!

GUN RAFFLE

Glennville Rodeo .357 Henry Big Boy
with custom engraving

Tickets are \$10 each.

Contact Bruce Carver for tickets at 393-1516.

Tickets will be available all rodeo weekend.

Mutton Bustin' sign-ups are at the
Emporium Western Store only
ON MAY 1ST! Limited to 15 entries.
Must be 5 years old and no more
than 50 pounds.

Don't Stand in Line - Order your Rodeo Tickets On-Line Today

Featuring the very best PRCA rodeo competition! Pre-Sale Tickets available until Saturday, June 6th at 10 PM
Tickets purchased on-line after Thursday will be waiting for you at the front ticket booth Will Call.

Please bring your paypal receipt for proof of purchase.

For more information on ticket purchases, please call Erin Rogers at 661-805-6480. Tickets: Adults: \$12.50 Children (3-12) \$8 Children ages 3 and under are free.

WEATHER HISTORY RESULTS FOR GMVA RODEO WEEKEND

June 1946	High 81°F	Low 60.1°F
June 1956	High 84.9°F	Low 55°F
June 1966	High 89.1°F	Low 66.9°F
June 1976	High 82°F	Low 55.9°F

June 1986	High 84°F	Low 55.7°F
June 1996	High 102°F	Low 59.9°F
June 2006	High 91.9°F	Low 64.9°F
June 2015	High 93°F	Low 68°F

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COWBOY CHURCH - RODEO WEEKEND
GMVA Community Hall Sunday, June 12, 2016 9 am
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

ELBERON COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Bruce Hatton Hwy 155 Woody, CA
Worship Time at 10 am Children's classes available
Wednesday Bible Study

MOUNT CARMEL COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Harrell Knox Glennville, CA 536-8238
Worship Time 10 am Children's classes available & Bible studies

POSEY COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Tom Hughes Campinero Road, Posey
Worship Time at 10:30 am

GLENNVILLE RODEO ENTERTAINMENT

MEET YOUR WORLD RENOWNED, AWARD WINNING SPECIALTY ACTS



Back by popular demand following his fantastic, crowd pleasing 2014 Glennville Rodeo appearance, Bobby Kerr and his amazing Mustangs are guaranteed to entertain.

Bobby Kerr has been in horse training for over 40 years. He has trained and shown Reining, Roping, Working Cow Horse and Cutting.

He is the Founder of the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame (TCHF) now located in the Stockyards in Fort Worth, Texas. Click logo below for a link to TCHF web site and check out the Fox 4 Lone Star Adventure featuring the TCHF by clicking the myFOX logo.

Bobby is also a talented craftsman. For over 20 years he owned and operated Cowboy Art creating many custom metal signs and fixtures. These custom pieces have been purchased and collected by people all over the world. From home decor he moved on to custom motorcycles which he designed and built with his son, Cody. Cody was the mechanic, they both did the fabrication and Bobby did all the painting.

He was voted Fan Favorite in 2011 Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover and placed 4th on Poncho and 5th on Lefty. He was the Champion in the Legends division of the 2012 Supreme Extreme Mustang Makeover on Maypop and was voted Fan Favorite.

Bobby and Poncho won the IPRA Contract Act Showcase - Dress Class during their International Finals Rodeo in Oklahoma City in January. It was a wonderful experience and we made some new friends.

In 2015 Bobby was nominated in the top 5 for PRCA Specialty Act of the Year. He is very honored to have accomplished this in the first year of having his card.



WORLD RENOWNED CHARRO
TOMÁS GARCILAZO

Tomás Garcilazo, a native of Mexico City and currently a resident of southern California, was introduced at an early age to his family heritage and tradition of "La Charrería" which is a skill performed through the generations only by the Mexican Charro. Charros take extreme pride in their highly developed horsemanship and roping abilities. Tomás, a third generation Charro, has devoted his life to sharing Mexico's National Sport, La Charrería, with the world.

Tomás' proficiency as a skilled horseman and roping artist define him as one of the finest Charros presenting La Charrería today. Tomás has performed throughout Europe, Canada, the United States, and Mexico. He has appeared on Broadway in New York City and has toured the United States with the Will Rogers Follies. He was a featured performer at Disney's Wild West Show in Paris, France and the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show which toured Holland and Germany. Tomás has performed numerous times for Mexico's Presidents as well as guest performances at the White House and Kennedy Center in Washington DC.

Tomás has performed all over the world. He has performed at the FMC Mexican Rodeo Finals and has performed at the NFR and other PRCA Rodeos for the past 15 years. He has won several awards including the 2007, 2012, and 2013 Specialty Act of the Year. He has been nominated once again, for 2015 Specialty Act of the Year Award.

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MATH MAGIC

This is a simple math magic. Here are two math tricks to play. You can play these number tricks as instructed, with your parents or friends and prove your talent to them. Have fun with math.

Trick 1: 2's Trick

- Step 1: Think of a number
Step 2: Multiply it by 3
Step 3: Add 6 with the getting result.
Step 4: Divide it by 3

Step 5: Subtract it from the first number used. Answer: 2

And look at this symmetry:

1 x 1 = 1
11 x 11 = 121
111 x 111 = 12321
1111 x 1111 = 1234321
11111 x 11111 = 123454321
111111 x 111111 = 12345654321
1111111 x 1111111 = 1234567654321
11111111 x 11111111 = 123456787654321
111111111 x 111111111 = 12345678987654321

Trick 2: Phone Number Trick

- Step 1: Grab a calculator (You won't be able to do this one in your head)
Step 2: Key in the first three digits of your phone number (NOT the area code-if your number is 01-123-4567, the 1st 3 digits are 123)
Step 3: Multiply by 80
Step 4: Add 1
Step 5: Multiply by 250
Step 6: Add the last 3 digits of your phone number with a 0 at the end as one number
Step 7: Repeat step 6
Step 8: Subtract 250
Step 9: Divide number by 20
Answer: The 3 digits of your phone number

It's funny how when I'm loud, people tell me to be quiet, but when I'm quiet people ask me what's wrong with me.



BE A PROUD SPONSOR OF THE 68th ANNUAL RODEO

Help support the Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association and the Small Miracles Foundation as a sponsor / advertiser for the 68th Annual Glennville Round-Up Rodeo!

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

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Qtr page ad in rodeo program
4 Rodeo Tickets
30" x 60" arena banner (must provide) **OR**
1 logo on Rodeo Royalty horse trailer

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4 Rodeo Tickets
30" x 60" arena banner (must provide) **OR**
1 logo on Rodeo Royalty horse trailer

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Full page ad in rodeo program
8 Rodeo Tickets
30" x 60" arena banner (must provide) **OR**
1 logo on Rodeo Royalty horse trailer

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Full page ad in rodeo program
15 Rodeo Tickets
4' x 8' arena banner (must provide) **OR**
1 logo on Rodeo Royalty horse trailer
Limited mention on **KUZZ** radio advertising

EVENT SPONSOR - \$2000

Full page ad in rodeo program
25 Rodeo Tickets
4' x 8' arena banner (must provide) **OR**
1 logo on Rodeo Royalty horse trailer
Limited mention on **KUZZ** radio advertising

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40 Rodeo Tickets
Company logo on back door of Rodeo Royalty horse trailer

For More Information Contact:

Bret Rogers - (661) 536-8941

Gary Watt - (661) 201-7771

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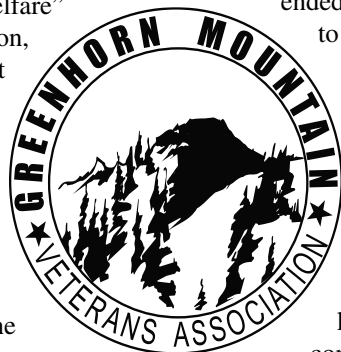


Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association

One of the hardest working organizations around

The Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association was conceived in September 1948 by Bob Robinson and Hal Duvall. Since its inception that fall of 1948, the GMVA has been a non-profit organization seeking to "promote social activity and community welfare" in its mountain communities of Woody, Granite Station, Posey and Glennville. This aim has taken many different directions over the last 68 years. From community dances, barbecues, Christmas parties and Easter Egg Hunts, one thing has remained constant, the GMVA Round-Up Rodeo! Our PRCA Round-Up Rodeo has brought the community together to provide top-quality rodeo entertainment to Kern County for over 66 years. Many rodeo legends have competed in our little arena and the GMVA greatly appreciates all the PRCA has done to help us promote the All-American sport of Rodeo!

In October of 1949, the GMVA purchased twenty-three acres from Charles Gann. Plans were drawn up, and construction started on the arena, which was completed in June of 1950 – just in time for the rodeo. The arena grandstands were started that same year, but were not completed until 1956. One year later, we proudly welcomed Cotton Rosser and the Flying U Rodeo Company as our stock contractor for the annual rodeo. Cotton and his crew have been loyal friends for over 55 years now! The designs for the Veteran's Hall began in 1953, and the structure was completed in 1961. In the years since then, the veterans have constantly sought to expand and improve the grounds and facilities in Glennville, building and maintaining all of the structures that can be seen today around the rodeo grounds.



The GMVA supports such worthy groups as the Thomas Midnight Pewitt Memorial Scholarship Fund and Ranch Rodeo, which pays tribute to a young member of our community whose life ended tragically and much too soon. We are also honored to partner with the Small Miracles Foundation. Small Miracles is a non-profit organization dedicated to the memory of Lauren P. Small and uses its funds to fight childhood cancers. And since its beginnings, the GMVA has been very active in supporting our local blood bank, helping to provide life-saving blood to members of our community as the need arises. We also are there to support veterans and their families in need. Our facilities are used for local school activities and graduations, church and community functions, 4-H activities, junior rodeo, and ropings. We continue to seek ways to support and honor the veterans of our past, as well as help and encourage our active and retired servicemen of today's military.

Today, the GMVA continues its mission to "promote social activity and community welfare" in the little town of Glennville. From skydivers landing in the arena to kick-off another rodeo and music videos filming in our bucking chutes, to church programs and community dances, the GMVA has been around to create a safe place for families to come and celebrate the beauty of the Greenhorn Mountains and the legacy of the American West. It would be our pleasure to have you join us this June as we host the "Biggest One Day Rodeo in California" for the 68th time.

Shopping at the Rodeo

The Glennville Rodeo is becoming famous not just for our great rodeo entertainment and food, but now the word is out that the Glennville Rodeo features a huge variety of shopping opportunities! From clothing to hats to toys and Italian Ice, the rodeo grounds will be filled with quality vendors for all your shopping needs. Vendors will be on the grounds beginning Friday, June 10th and throughout the three day event. Contact Pam Manny at 661-368-2592 or at pammeone@aol.com.

Attention High School Seniors: Scholarship Opportunity

Oak Tree Community Scholarship Applications are now available on the Woody Post Office. Open to High School Seniors pursuing a two-year or four-year college education. Must have two letters of recommendation, High School Transcripts and a completed application. Previous scholarship recipients may re-apply with college transcripts. Applications are available at the Woody Post Office and must be submitted with postmark by **May 15th**.

The Establishment of Woody

*Featured Writer: Lan Hawker
6th Grader, Blake Elementary School*



Once upon a time there was a pioneer named John Woody. He was hoping to establish his own little community with all sorts of precious minerals like gold and silver. John found the perfect place in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. He had settled down and had started mining for gold in the little creek that ran through his camp and played his fiddle on his extra. The stranger called himself the Devil. The Devil told John that this was his territory not John's. John would not back down though. He challenged the Devil to a fiddle competition. If the

Devil won John would have to leave and leave the gold too. If John won, the Devil would have to leave and never return. The Devil accepted the challenge and they were soon fiddling like nothing you've ever heard before.

They played day and night but the Devil could not win though he kept on playing. John knew that God was on his side and prayed that he would beat the nasty Devil. The two fiddled for one week, neither one had eaten for the entire time. The Devil's bow string finally gave out and he lost the challenge. John said, "Your time is up here you nasty Devil." Then the Devil packed up his stuff and was on his way and nobody ever heard or saw him ever again.

John then sent a letter to his relatives and friends to come and join to start a little community. He found lots of gold and copper but not much silver. The little community of Woody still lives peacefully to this day, with green hills, grazing cattle and the echoes of fiddle music, if you listen carefully.

This story was inspired by the song "The Devil Went Down to Georgia". Words & Music by: Charlie Daniels Performed by: Charlie Daniels



Blake Elementary School recently held a creative writing contest and the winner was picked to be featured in the Spring Edition of "In the Loop". This short story submitted by Lan Hawker, 6th grader, was the submission chosen. If your student from Linns Valley, Woody or home & charter schools would like to submit a story or an article for our next edition, please send it to Erin Rogers at gbrelr@aol.com.

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Some People Wait Their Whole Life to Meet Their Hero

Bret & Erin Rogers raised theirs!

by Erin Rogers



Erin Rogers and her son Jacob Rogers

On September 20th, 2015, our only son entered Marine Officer Candidate School, to become one of the “Few, the Proud, the Marines”. This was for us a much unexpected journey. While my husband Bret and I sought to raise our kids with a profound sense of gratitude for our county, our freedom and soldiers who fought to protect and procure these blessings; it was not necessarily our intention to raise a Marine. A cowboy, a ranch manager, a champion of business maybe, but not a Marine. However, our plans

for our children are not necessarily their plans. So...on a very early Sunday at 2 am, we set out for LAX to put our son on an airplane for Quantico, Virginia. Goodbye parties were done, clothes were packed, letters were written to him and from him, and now we must do what thousands of other fathers and mothers have had to do over the last 230 years of our nation’s history. We had to say goodbye to our son as he went on to serve his country, our country. We knew we were not alone in this goodbye, but at that moment on the sidewalk of LAX at terminal 4, it sure felt lonely and incredibly hard.

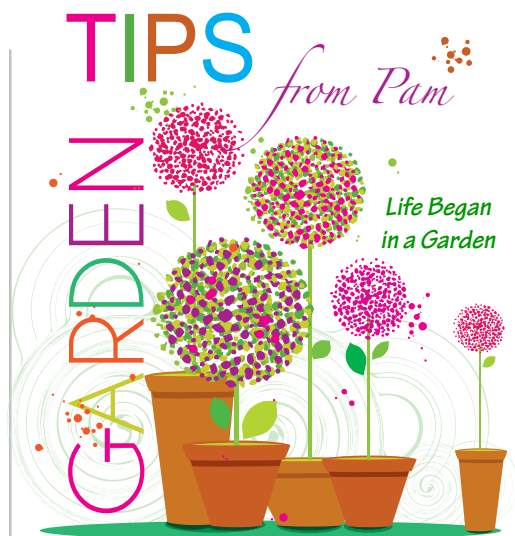
I have found I have often been unprepared for life. I knew nothing about ranching, horses, or cowboys. But along came Bret and I had to become a quick study. Today, I again find myself learning a whole new way of life, as a military mom. Honestly, I knew nothing! How do you sleep now? What do all those acronyms mean? What do the ranks mean? Where is Quantico? So I did what any professed uninformed mom would do, I got out my credit card and hit Amazon. I ordered every book that had both “Military” and “Mom” in the same title. Then I read. All of them. It helped some, though most were written from moms of Army enlisted. Not Marines, not officers. Then I began reading Marine Corp websites and that helped a lot. They

gave me information regarding the OCS cycle, what they would be doing, what was expected of the candidate. After 12 weeks of waiting and worrying, the time came for his graduation and commissioning. This time, Bret and I were in LAX on our way to Quantico. It was incredible to be in such a historical place, Brown Field, where soldiers of past 75 years had come to prepare for war and peace. To see the level of discipline, tradition and integrity was both inspiring and humbling. It restored my faith (in the midst of this crazy election cycle) in our country’s greatness and strength. We toured DC on the day before Thanksgiving and basically had the whole place to ourselves. We spent Thanksgiving morning at Arlington National Cemetery among thousands of whom we are most thankful. And I saw my now Marine, a freshly minted Second Lieutenant, standing



before the Marine Corp Memorial, and realized that while I didn’t intend to raise a Marine, I did. And it fits him very well.

Our life has changed more than we could have imagined. Suddenly, anything with a Marine Corp logo is a must have; we cannot get through the national anthem without tears; I have an uncontrollable urge to hug anyone in military uniform; I never ever leave my cell phone behind; the Marine Corp hymn makes me run to my phone and is now my favorite song. This unexpected journey has just begun for our family. Many in this community have gone before us and to you, we are forever grateful. Some are on this journey with us, their son or daughter are in service as well. We pray for you and hope you pray for us. We still have a long way to go, but we will get there, eventually, and will be grateful for the journey.



Hooray, it's springtime!

We have been blessed with rain so the Daffodils and Tulips are blooming. Our landscape has been covered in amazing wildflowers. Now it is time to think about gardening again. My Dusty Miller, Phormium-Amazing red leaf, have survived the winter and are growing like crazy. They are the backdrop for my spring and summer flowers. I tried Phlox last year; the plants are now green and filled with buds. They come in a variety of colors; they will definitely continue to be on my perennial list of flowers to purchase.

I had so many butterflies last year that I will be planting more flowers to attract them along with the hummingbirds.

Here’s what is on my Spring/Summer garden list:

- Marguerite Daisy
- Butterfly Bush
- Purple Coneflower
- Zinnia
- Ageratum
- Coleus
- Coreopsis
- Garlic Chives
- Black Eyed Susan – drought tolerant. Nice climbers
- Lantana – drought tolerant once established
- Hydrangea - I love Hydrangeas, they were one of my Mom’s favorites. Every color is amazing.



~Perennials return year after year blooming on their own. See how easy they are to grow. Shasta Daisy, Ornamental Grass, Butterfly Bush, Echinacea and Hydrangea. Rudbeckia (Black Eyed Susan), Perennial Phlox and Hibiscus.

~An annual plant is one that completes its growing cycle (grows from seed, flowers and produces seed) in the course of a single growing season. In other words, annuals pack a lot of living into a short span of time.

I’m hoping with our saturated soil that I’ll be able to get a vegetable garden planted this year. I’d like to try artichokes, beans, cucumbers, lettuce along with, of course, tomatoes. I’ll intermingle some of my favorite herbs in there too! I had such great success with my lavender and rosemary I may purchase some

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Glennville - A Creek Once Again Runs Through It

photo courtesy of Susan Stone

Poso Creek or Posey Creek is an 81-mile (130 km) intermittent stream in Kern County, California that runs through the community of Glennville.

The headwaters of Poso Creek are located within the Sierra Nevada and the Sequoia National Forest, at elevations of up to 8,000 feet (2,400 m). The 50-foot (15 m) high Spear Creek Falls (often known as Poso Creek Falls) is located along a tributary of Poso Creek within the national forest. Poso Creek proper begins at the confluence of Spear Creek and Von Hellem Creek on the west slope of the Greenhorn Mountains. The upper reaches of the creek flow south through the Linns Valley past Posey and Glennville, then to Poso Flat, where it receives Cedar Creek and Little Poso Creek from the east. Below the confluence with Little Poso Creek, it turns west, passing through the Mount Poso and Poso Creek oil fields, which are a likely source of petroleum pollutants during flooding events.



Below the oil fields the creek emerges to the farmed San Joaquin Valley, where it passes between Wasco and McFarland. The creek is crossed by Highway 99 and the Southern Pacific Railroad at Famoso and by the Friant-Kern Canal a few miles downstream. Most of the lower creek flows through artificial channels beginning north of Wasco. Its mouth is on the Kern River floodway in Kern National Wildlife Refuge, which connects the normally dry Buena Vista Lake with Tulare Lake.

As a primarily rain fed stream, Poso Creek flows only seasonally (November to May) in its upper reaches, while the lower part is an ephemeral wash. The United States Geological Survey operated a stream gage on Poso Creek from 1959 to 1985, recording an average annual flow of 39 cubic feet per second (1.1 m³/s). The greatest flow was 6,700 cubic feet per second (190 m³/s) on February 25, 1969, while the creek was dry for six straight months in 1977.

With the recent rains and snow pack in 2016, Poso Creek is once again flowing through our small mountain community.

Your journey will be much lighter and easier if you don’t carry your past with you.



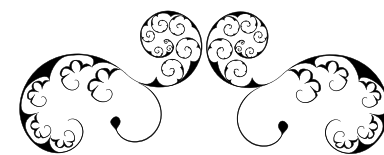
Fifty Years of Rodeo Queens

In 1966, the Greenhorn Mountain Veterans Association crowned their very first Rodeo Queen, Miss Diedra Lavers, to become the "ambassador in jeans" for the Glennville Rodeo. Since that time, fifty lovely young ladies have worn the title and the crown in the arena. Many of these former rodeo queens are still living in our beautiful mountains, serving our local community. Yolanda App (Pewitt) was Miss Glennville Rodeo 1973 and her daughter Jennifer, followed her footsteps in 2008. Dawn Bryan (Watt) was Miss Rodeo Glennville 1977. Both Danette (Carter) and Andrea Albitre have worn the crown, as well as sisters Krisha and Danielle Nielsen in 1998 and 2002. Dakota Skellenger was our Jr. Rodeo Queen in 2008 and went on a few years later to hold the Miss Rodeo California title.

Sierra Zimmerman was our Miss Rodeo Glennville Princess in 2009 and now serves our country in the US Army, currently stationed in Korea. Abby Grisedale was our youngest queen and our all-time high money winner, raising over \$30,000 in sponsorships and ticket sales. Sisters Cassie and Kammie Varley each wore a crown in 2013 as Miss Rodeo Glennville Princess and Little Princess. Timari Cawley (Duty) wore her crown in 2003 and then her five year old daughter Tanah wore a miniature version as a Miss Rodeo Glennville Little Princess in 2012. This year, Miss Rodeo Glennville Queen Dominique Mantel, Miss Rodeo Glennville Jr. Queen Katelyn Priddy and Miss Rodeo Glennville Princess Maycee Knight have represented Glennville from Oklahoma to Salinas, from Tehachapi to Springville, in parades, rodeo arenas, classrooms and fairs. Each of these young ladies represented the Glennville Rodeo with grace and beauty, setting forth a fifty year legacy for the current generation of Rodeo Queens.

This year we are excited to present the Miss Rodeo Glennville 2016 contestants who will continue the legacy. We hope you will make each girl feel welcome to Glennville and support their efforts in obtaining sponsorships and selling the raffle tickets. The girls will compete in horsemanship, speech and modeling, rodeo and equine knowledge and finally a personal interview with a panel of four judges. We have recruited the very best quality judges to the contest, experts in the field of horsemanship, television broadcasting, business and agricultural education. With a

Miss Rodeo Glennville Queen Contestant **Callie Bassett** is a Freshman at College of the Sequoias and was the 2014 Miss Rodeo Glennville Jr. Queen. Callie is an active member of agriculture council, the equine club and currently serves as Ag Business President. She also coordinates events for the Dean of Agriculture including helping create Ag Ambassadors and setting up recruiting events for COS. Callie is also a member of the College of the Sequoias Equestrian Team. "For me, there is no better feeling than watching people come together and enjoy the atmosphere of a rodeo. As a rodeo queen, I know I will have the opportunity to support and promote rodeo, but more importantly I can connect and inspire people of all ages to pursue their goals."

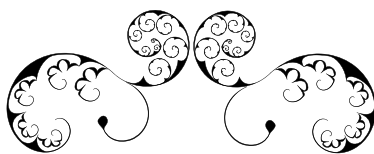


SCHEDULE FOR 2016 MISS GLENNVILLE RODEO PAGEANT

COMPETITION WEEK

Speech / Modeling & Dinner	Saturday, June 4th - 5 pm GMVA Hall (Cost \$10.00/person)
Horsemanship	Thurs. June 9th - 4 pm GMVA Rodeo Grounds
Miss Glennville Rodeo Wild Rag & Spaghetti Dinner <i>Dinner benefits Glennville 4-H Club</i>	Thurs. June 4th - 6:30 pm
Rodeo & Equine Knowledge Test	Friday, June 5th - 8:30 am Glennville Galleria
Miss Rodeo Glennville Interviews	Friday June 5th - 2 pm Mt. Carmel Community Church
Small Miracles Dinner & Dance	Fri., June 5th - 5:30 pm
Lauren P. Small Children's Hospital Visit	Sat., June 6th - 8:30 am (lunch to follow)
Final Raffle Ticket Collection	Sat. June 6th - 2:00 - 5:00 pm GMVA Hall Office
Rodeo Parade Check-In	Sunday, June 7th - 10 am Linns Valley School
Grand Entry Check-In	Sunday, June 7th - 12:00 noon GMVA Rodeo Arena
Rodeo Coronation	Sunday, June 7th - 1 PM

*Come join us in supporting your
Miss Glennville Rodeo Contestants*

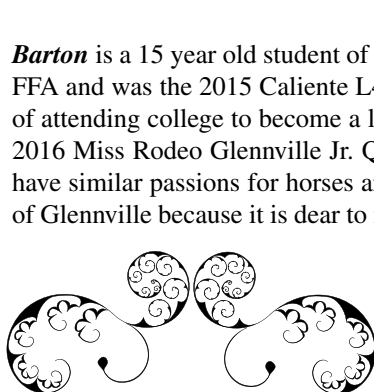


Meri Di-An Sanford

Miss Rodeo Glennville Queen Contestant **Meri De-An Sanford** is a graduate of Foothill High School and currently attends College of the Sequoias. Meri currently is a member of the COS Equestrian Team, a member of the Horse Club and the Dairy Club. Meri was a state ranked Womens Golf Champion and currently competes in Barrel Racing and team roping. She is training with Denny Watkins team roping school and hopes to someday compete in high level team roping competitions. Her goal is to receive a degree in Dairy Management or Veterinary Science. "I would love to be the 2016 Miss Rodeo Glennville Queen because I would enjoy being a part of a great community and learn more of its history. Being Miss Rodeo Glennville could open up so many opportunities for me to become more confident and become an inspiration for other young ladies who want to pursue their rodeo dreams."



Amanda Bassett

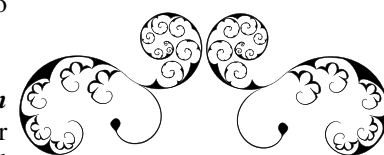


Samantha Hobson

Miss Rodeo Glennville Jr. Queen Contestant **Kerstyn Barton** is a 15 year old student of Frontier High School. She is very active in the Frontier FFA and was the 2015 Caliente L4 Memorial Ranch Rodeo Queen. Kerstyn has the goal of attending college to become a large animal veterinarian. "I would love to become the 2016 Miss Rodeo Glennville Jr. Queen because I really enjoy meeting other people that have similar passions for horses and rodeo. I would also like to represent the small town of Glennville because it is dear to my family as it where my grandfather and mother were raised."

Miss Rodeo Glennville Princess Contestant **Samantha (Sami) Hobson**. I am 10 years old and the daughter of Daron and Brenda Hobson. I have an older brother Wyatt and we live in Bakersfield, CA. I attend Olive Drive Elementary and I am in the 5th grade.

I have been around horses all my life and I have been showing since I was about 5 years old and enjoy every minute. My horse's name is Chloe. We are members of the Calloway 4H club and we show 4H and opens shows. When I am not riding I enjoy volleyball, camping, and visiting our property in Walker Basin. I enjoy school very much. My past teachers have inspired me and when I grow up I want to be a teacher. I consider it a privilege to be a Princess Contestant and would be honored to be the 2016 Miss Glennville Rodeo Princess. I want to thank my family and friends for all their support.



Kerstyn Barton

There is still time to sign up for the Miss Glennville Royalty Competition. Entries remain open until May 10th. Contact Erin Rogers for more information or visit our website at www.glennvilleroodeo.org.

2016 Thomas Midnight Pewitt Memorial Ranch Rodeo & Cowboy Heritage Festival

featuring...

BUCKAROO CAMP COW-A-BUNGA

SATURDAY EVENTS

Goat Branding
Goat Undressing
Keyhole Race
Dummy Roping
Fun Color Run

SUNDAY EVENTS

Stick Horse Race
Egg in Spoon Race
Obstacle Course
Dummy Roping

BUCKAROO AGE GROUPS:

Cow Poke (3-6)
Wranglers (7 - 10)
Trail Boss (11-13)

The Thomas Midnight Pewitt Memorial Ranch Rodeo, held on May 20 - 22, will feature a new and improved Buckaroo Camp on the center grass of the GMVA Rodeo Grounds. Buckaroo Camp will have contests for all ages, and an All-Around Buckaroo Trophy for each division will be awarded on Sunday. PeeWee events will include Goat Branding, Goat Undressing, Keyhole Race, Stick Horse Race, Egg in Spoon Race, Obstacle Course, Sack Race, Archery and the Roping Dummy Challenge. Junior events include Keyhole (in the arena), Jr. Goat Branding, Stick Horse Race, Egg in Spoon Race, Obstacle Course, Sack Race and the Roping Dummy Challenge.

Buckaroo Camp Events are **FREE** to enter but sign-ups are required prior to the start of the Buckaroo Camp. Competition will start at 10 am on Saturday, May 21st.

This year's theme is **COW-A-BUNGA**. We will be celebrating Western Culture with a beachy feel.

Registration information is available on the TMP Ranch Rodeo website at TMPRanchRodeo.org or by contacting Yolanda Pewitt at 661-536-8651.

Memorial Ranch Rodeo SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 20

Family Team Roping - 1:00 pm
(Sign-ups at 12 Noon)
Scholarship Presentation Dinner 5:00 pm
Texas Hold'em Tournament - 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Ranch Rodeo
Cowboy Heritage Festival
Horseshoe Pitching Singles Tournament
Cow-A-Bunga Buckaroo Camp
Cowboy Marketplace
Silent Auction / Live Auction / Calcutta
3:00 - 7:00 pm / 6:30 pm
BBQ (5:30 pm - 8:00 pm)
Family Blackjack (6:00 pm - 9:00 pm)
Dance (8:30 pm - 11pm)

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Cowboy Church
Ranch Rodeo
Cow-A-Bunga Buckaroo Camp
Horseshoe Pitching 2-Man Team Tournament
The Cowboy Marketplace



Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance Welcomed Dave Stamey Back to Glennville

Singer, Songwriter, Actor & Entertainer

by Erin Rogers

The room was warm and welcoming as 200 people enjoyed a delicious dinner and incredible music by Mr. Dave Stamey. This was Dave's second appearance on the GMVA stage, and it soon became evident he is a community favorite as tickets for the event sold out in less than two weeks. Western culture enthusiasts and punchy cowboys alike absorbed the music and stories of Dave for two hours, and I think it would be safe to say they would have all stayed another two hours if we had let them. You know the quality of an artist by his music and performance, and with two Western Music Association Male Vocalist of the Year titles, there is no doubt that Dave is the very best. But you see the heart of the man when

after the concert is over and all the guests have left, Dave and his wife Melissa stay around and help put up the tables and chairs too!

In a letter written to the GMVA, Dave said "Thanks so much for having us out again to the magical Glennville Valentines Dinner, we felt very well taken care of, very much at home—what a great event, great crowd, great volunteers and what great hospitality. We feel very fortunate in what we do to be able to meet so many good people, and visit such wonderful communities. We are very grateful for this opportunity and hope we get to do it again one day soon." On the contrary, Mr. Stamey, it is our community that is grateful to you!



Wedding Engagement Announced

Mr. Luke Chanley and Miss Abigail Grisedale are engaged. A March 2017 wedding is being planned. Congratulations to an exceptional young couple.

2016 GMVA Legacy Award Cont'd from Page 1

bad, Brownie and his family have been a valued sponsor, often underwriting the expense of our annual Mutton Busting event.

For nearly four decades, Petrol Transport, Inc. has hauled crude oil for independent producers from the oil leases and rail cars into major pipeline systems in the San Joaquin and Santa Maria Valleys, which supply major California refineries on the central coast and in the San Francisco Bay area. Petrol Transport provides its customers with twenty-four hour service through its ability to maximize its fleet of thirty-two trucks at the most competitive rates in the industry.

Originally known as Flying B Trucking, Petrol Transport was created out of a friendship between Ted 'Brownie' Barnard, Jr., and his college classmate Dennis Burtch. In 1979, Burtch took over his father's company, Burtch Trucking. The company was hauling oil at a lease in the Poso Creek area, however, Burtch was concerned that his crews were falling behind and that his company would lose the haul as a result. Burtch reached out to Barnard, who was working as a ranch foreman for Joughin Ranch, after graduating from Cal Poly, and asked if he would help him out by observing the lease for a week, to determine the problem and find a solution. After a few days, Barnard felt that since a new crew was sent in for each job, each new crew was repeating the mistakes made by the previous one and suggested that Burtch put a dedicated crew on the haul, figuring that they would make mistakes and learn from them. At the time Burtch could not dedicate a crew to the lease and asked Brownie if he would like to purchase his own truck and operate under



Zachary Brown, VP and Brownie Barnard, President of Petrol Transport, Inc.

Burtch Trucking, Brownie agreed, forming Flying B Trucking from that one truck.

For the next three years, Brownie did double duty, driving his Flying B truck at night, and working as a ranch foreman during the day. In 1982, Brownie acquired Flying B Trucking and the name changed to Petrol Transport.

Today Brownie's son, Zach, is a partner in the company and Petrol Transport is one of the most highly regarded crude trucking companies in the Southern San Joaquin and Santa Maria Valley regions.

Zach continues to operate Petrol Transport by the principles under which Brownie started the company four decades ago. Zach explains that principle is summed up in something Brownie always said to him, which was, "I never wanted to be the biggest, I only wanted to be the best." That philosophy has guided the growth of Petrol Transport for thirty-six years," says Zach.

Brownie received his RCA (rodeo contestant association) card in 1961 at age 13 at the Glennville rodeo. It is so fitting that we honor Brownie Barnard and Petrol Transport with the 2016 Legacy Award which will be presented during the upcoming Glennville Rodeo.

It's the Pitts: Dead Men's Prices

by Lee Pitts

love art, and the walls of my home are covered with it. I'm talking real art, not that abstract/impressionism garbage like the stuff shown at a modern art show in New York years ago where the judges accidentally gave "Best In Show" to an air conditioning vent that wasn't even entered in the competition.

Or the "art" created by "artists" like Darryl Sapien and Michael Hinton in 1971 when they wrestled bare naked in a 10-foot-diameter circle of steer manure at the San Francisco "Art" Institute. Critics called it a "masterpiece."

Nor did I care for Christo's 1976 piece called "Running Fence," which was actually an 18-foot-tall fence that ran on for 24 miles through California. I use the past tense because it was taken down after two weeks, much to the relief of residents of the area.

I believe Christo's fence was the only piece of "art" ever created that required post-hole diggers and an environmental impact report. Not only was it not art, in my opinion, it wasn't even a good fence – as it was made out of nylon cloth that any three-legged lamb could've busted through.

I also happen to really love cartoons like those by Jerry Palen, Mad Jack, Earl and another of my favorite cartoonists, Al Capp. He did a strip years ago called "Andy Capp," and I grew up reading it. Al Capp said that abstract art was "A product of the untalented, sold by the unprincipled to the utterly bewildered." I couldn't agree more.

Although I like all kinds of real art, what I really love is western art painted by true Westerners. I'd rather look at a propane tank made to look like a corn on the cob painted by a prunier than I would a masterpiece created by another New Yorker who just came West to pillage and plunder and then hurried back home. Western art, my foot.

That's why I much prefer Russell to Remington. Russell was born and raised in the gateway to the West and had the good sense to take up permanent residence here. He chose to live among us, whereas Remington was a New Yorker who just came west because he liked what the Western light did for his paintings.

It's true he owned a sheep ranch in Kansas for a brief period, but he didn't last long before going back home, never to return.

In 1884, the St. Lawrence Plaindealer said of Remington, "He is an enthusiastic admirer of Kansas, not as a home, but as a place to make money." For Remington, the cowboy was cash.

I'm a painter myself, you know? Not just of houses either. I even sold a painting once to a patron of the arts, but I had to promise to never pick up a paintbrush again. But I did. I can draw rocks OK, a passable house and a faintly recognizable tree, but my cows and horses look very much alike. Sometimes even I can't tell the difference.

What I am really atrocious at is people – probably because I haven't studied them like I have animals. People simply hold no interest for me. I'll be the first to admit that right now there is not a huge demand for my work, but remember, Van Gogh only sold two paintings while he was alive, and I'm already halfway there.

Now Van Goghs are selling for "dead men's prices," and I'm confident that after I'm dead and gone, my paintings too will be fetching dead men's money.

Just the other day, an artist friend of mine came to our house and admired a few of my paintings – which hang on our refrigerator door as if they were done by some kindergartner. (Only, the kindergartner's are probably better.) The artist took one look at my ranch scenes and said, "I'm not really into abstract or impressionism."

Then he gave me the greatest encouragement I've had in my painting career yet by looking at one ranch scene and saying, "Those are cattle, aren't they?"

"Yes!" I exclaimed. "You could tell they are cows and not horses!"

Lee Pitts lives in Morro Bay, California. To order his books, go to www.LeePittsbooks.com.

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to the office or Dr's appointment but please be patient with us! We try very hard to not delay you any more than is necessary.

Please do NOT honk your horn! That may work for alerting other motorists of your presence, but it may very well cause our cattle to stampede and hurt someone!

If you are waved through, please feel free to use both lanes (if they are free of cars) in order to navigate around the cattle. If a cowboy escorts you through the herd, please stick as close to him as you can, this will help prevent cattle from filling in the gap between the cowboy (his horse) and your car.

Don't get out of your car to take photos! Please take photos from the safety of the inside of your vehicle! Cattle are peculiar animals. They spook easily.

Please be considerate and patient! Cattle drives are a lot of work and a lot of stress on cowboys and cattle.

Because our little town of Glennville, CA (and state Hwy 155) is on the marked route for eco-tourists—we have a lot of foreign tourists come through our cattle drives. Most of these travelers stop to take pictures and some talk to us about our way of life. People all over the world have seen photos of our cowboys and cattle drives! We feel that we are not only sharing our way of life with these visitors but that we are part of something bigger; we are a living representation of our American history and by default, we are also, USA & Ag ambassadors! We hope we made them feel welcome and happy they came through our little piece of America.

So next time you come upon a cattle drive, take a deep breath, and remember; you get to experience something most people only read about in a novel or see in a movie. This is real life in cattle country. . .Happy Trails to you!

Van Goughs
are selling for
"dead men's
prices."

D-I-Y PROJECTS

by Susan Stone

RAISED BED PLANTER FROM OLD PALLETS

A garden on wheels is beneficial throughout the growing season. In spring, keep the garden in direct sunlight so the plants get a healthy start. Then in summer when it is too hot, roll the garden to a less scorching spot.

STEP 1: Determine Wheel Placement

Measure the bottom of the pallet. Mark equal distances in four corners for the caster placement.

STEP 2: Attach Wheels

Use decking (galvanized) screws to fasten the casters onto the pallet. It's best to use wheels that turn in every direction.

STEP 3: Paint Pallet

Paint the top of the pallet with eco-friendly, exterior paint and that can withstand water seeping through the landscape fabric and soil.

STEP 4: Cut Side Pieces

Cut the plywood to create sides for the pallet, make sure they fit on the edges of the pallet.



STEP 5: Attach Sides

Use pieces of 2x4 in each corner to secure the sides to each other. When all four sides are attached to one another, attach it to the pallet by toe-nailing the 2x4 corners. Flip over the whole thing, and insert a few screws through the bottom of the pallet into the 2x4s.

STEP 6: Add Decorative Sides

For a finished look, add recycled plastic shutters to the sides. Use decking screws to attach the shutters. Paint top edge of wood sides to match the shutters. NOTE: I've seen some shutters at our local Glennville Galleria. Check it out on Sundays in downtown Glennville.

STEP 7: Prep For Planting

Staple landscape fabric to the inside of the pallet box. Add a layer of small drainage stones on top of the fabric.

STEP 8: Layer Stones and Soil

Cut another piece of landscape fabric and lay it over the stones. Add one more layer of stones, then top with compost and soil mixture. Fill with potting soil or any compost... plant and enjoy!



TOOLS

- miter saw
- level
- drill
- tape measure
- shovel or trowel
- paintbrush
- scissors
- staple gun

MATERIALS

- sturdy wood pallet
- (4) 2x4 x 8"
- (4) 1x8 x 48"
- four recycled plastic shutters for decoration (optional)
- recycled wood (not pressure-treated)
- (4) 4-inch caster wheels
- decking screws
- no-VOC exterior-grade paint
- landscaping fabric
- bag of drainage stones
- planting soil
- compost

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Hats Anyone? (The Hat Ranch) by Nina Caspari, 1975

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Kern County's ranches have been known for raising some strange things. The Tejon Ranch, for instance, at one time hosted the U.S. Army's Camel Corps, the McKittrick Ranch raised polo ponies, and ostriches were a product of the Tracy Ranch. While there may have been competition among the ranchers for the strangest livestock, there was no contest when it came to the most bizarre crop. Doubtless Kern's most unique and original ranch was the Hat Ranch. What did it produce? Why hats of course, the finished product no less!

Here's the story as related in Marcia Rittenhouse Wynn's *Desert Bonanza*. Located just east of Mojave, the ranch consisted of several acres in a slight depression. Its terrain and the "Mojave Zephyrs," which frequently blew with considerable force, provided ideal conditions for the only crop harvested. Mojave was a shipping and supply center, and stage passengers provided the hats. Dislodged hats sailed from their heads to the ranch. Stage drivers didn't have the time to stop when a hat blew away, and so the crop just grew and grew.

Many of the choice hats recovered at the Hat Ranch became merchandise at Mojave's gents' furnishings store. Because men of that day considered a hat an essential part of their attire, an incoming passenger who lost a hat sought to replace it at Mojave. Local residents in need of hats patronized the Hat Ranch, where they searched until they found hats to their liking. Among these were two of Mojave's old timers, one of whom selected a derby and the other chose a broad-brimmed Stetson. Before the two men had reached Mojave a twenty-dollar bill was found tucked in the band of the derby. When the patrons at Johnny's saloon were told of the lucky find, they immediately lined up at the bar to celebrate the bonanza. Soon the bartender had run up twenty dollars.

The story of the Hat Ranch is only one small incident mentioned in Marcia Rittenhouse Wynn's highly readable *Desert Bonanza*. Another reference to the Hat Ranch is found in Peter B. Kyne's novel, *The Long Chance*. In this account Donna Corblay is the ranch proprietor and heroine. While the basic facts regarding the ranch are similar in both accounts, Kyne calls the nearby town San Pasqual. Ostriches vanished from the Tracy Ranch when ladies no longer adorned their hats with ostrich plumes. In our day when few men wear hats, no one would travel a mile into the desert for a hat, not even a free one.

Kern County is Full of Rich History

Kern County Historical Society

The Kern County Historical Society is a county-wide, nonprofit organization founded in 1931 as an outgrowth of the Society of Kern Pioneers. Today's membership is open to all persons who are interested in history and Kern County history in particular. Our current membership includes persons from many diverse occupations as well as retired people and both longtime residents and more recent comers to the Golden Empire. Supported by membership dues and contributions, the Society is devoted to collecting, preserving, publishing, and distributing information related to the history of Kern County.

Preservation of Kern County's heritage is the Society's principal goal. Especially noteworthy are the publications of the Kern County Historical Society — a long line of brochures and books — invaluable in their coverage of early days and early activities in Kern County as well as in their awareness of the relation of history to current generations. In addition to making this outstanding material available to the public, this nonprofit organization has sponsored the placing of landmark plaques throughout the county, has worked with the State

Division of Parks and Recreation in the restoration of Fort Tejon, has cooperated through the years with chambers of commerce and boards of trade to help insure high standards in publicity pamphlets, and is the parent sponsor of the Kern County Museum, which features a sixteen acre site that includes historic structures ranging from 1868 through 1936. Members receive the Society's illustrated quarterly, *Historic Kern* and the *Kern Grapevine*, a monthly newsletter which gives information about upcoming events.

General meetings of the Kern County Historical Society are held monthly between September and May, with the exception of December. The meetings feature speakers on subjects pertaining to county history, historical sites, and Kern lore. Field trips are led by experts well acquainted with the sites. Meetings and field trips are open to members, guests, and the general public. Board meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month in the Lake Room at the Beale Memorial Library at 5:30 pm.

For more information check out their website at www.kernhistoricalsociety.org.

By the Kern County Historical Society



And the Best Fence Trophy is awarded to . . . Scott, Sandra, Cassie & Kammie Varley

Traveling on Granite Road two or so miles south of Hassanos, sits a piece of property located on the east side of the road along picturesque Poso Creek. Week after week those traveling up and down the mountain have been amazed at what the Varley family, Scott, Sandra, Cassie & Kammie, accomplished on their property. They worked together as a family and built the "BEST FENCE" on the mountain. It is truly a site to behold.

Sandra told us that Scott worked after work and on weekends, not sure on exact length of time it took to build. For every pipe post, there is AT LEAST 10 bags of concrete plus buckets upon buckets of water. What seemed undoable, Scott did! He thought of so many creative ways to build a fence that would last, from steel braces, bars, bolts, brackets, fasteners, chain, drilling

rock, digging holes, welding...and more cement. Friends, Gary Watt and his crew, helped with welding the entry, and Daran Francis worked with Scott welding the gate and corners of the fence. The whole family helped. I asked Scott what was the most fun about building the fence... He said the entire thing!!



Cassie, Scott & Kammie Varley
A fence the entire family is proud of and had a hand in building.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MAY 7 & 14

GMVA Rodeo ground work day (all day).
Lunch will be provided. Everyone is Invited!!!

MAY 13

Linns Valley-Poso Flatt Softball Tournament
10:00 am
Linns Valley School - Glennville (*see below*)

MAY 15 - 17

Thomas Midnight Pewitt Rodeo & Buckaroo Camp
GMVA Rodeo Grounds (*see page 7*)

MAY 15

Oak Tree Community Scholarship Application is now available to deserving High School Seniors and College students. Applications are available at the Woody Post Office and postmarked by *May 15th*. (*see page 4*)

MAY 28

The Posey Auxiliary Fire Department will be having their Memorial Day BBQ in Posey.
Contact Pat or Carrie Schreffler for more information.

JUNE 10 - 12

GMVA 68th Annual Rodeo &
Lauren K. Small Memorial Barrel Race &
Small Miracles Foundation Benefit Roping
GMVA Rodeo Grounds (*see page 2*)

JUNE 9

Glennville 4-H Taco Dinner Fundraiser
GMVA Community Hall - 6 pm

JUNE 20

Oak Tree Community center will be having their Reverse Drawing Dinner and Dance at the Oak Tree Community Hall Proceeds go towards scholarships. For tickets or more information, contact Gloria Graham at 536-8980.

Linns Valley-Poso Flat



The annual softball tournament, will be held on Friday, May 13, 2016 at the Linns Valley School baseball field.

We would love to see all community members, former students, and family members attend and support our team consisting of Linns Valley and Blake students. We will be competing against the other small schools. The games will begin at 10:00 am and there is no cost to get in. There will be food and drinks to purchase at the school. The money raised at this event will go into the student body fund, which provides for field trips, sport uniforms, Camp Keep for 5th and 6th graders, as well as other school activities.

2016 Kern County Cattlemen & CattleWoman Honorees



On a beautiful winter night in February, the Kern County Cattlemen and the Kern County CattleWomen came together at the Bakersfield Petroleum Club to honor Mr. Russ Dickson and Ms. Gay Gardella as the 2016 Cattleman and Cattlewoman of the year. Kern County dignitaries were on hand to present proclamations and certificates of achievements to both honorees.



Gay Gardella

Born and raised in Reno, Nevada, Gay Gardella moved to Kern County during high school and graduated from Garces Memorial H.S. Fortunate to have been raised in a family and extended family that were rooted in agriculture, from cattle production to potato farming, she learned to value and appreciate the hard work that goes in to food production. From an early age, time spent on family farms and ranches, weekly trips to the Fallon, Nevada, livestock market, and weekend rodeos with her father laid a foundation that led to her love for the industry, raising livestock and teaching agriculture.

As an adult, she was involved with the Kern County Fair and Rosedale 4-H serving as a project leader and on the K.C. Fair Beef Committee. During those years, her children showed registered Hampshire sheep and market steers in Kern County and in open shows around California. She has been particularly blessed to watch grandchildren be involved in 4-H, showing market animals in northern Nevada.

Gay earned Animal Science degrees from Bakersfield College and CSU Fresno and a Masters Degree in Agriculture Education and Sciences from Cal Poly - SLO. In 1993 she was hired as the Animal Science instructor at Bakersfield College. She held this position until retiring from full time teaching in 2012. During those years, she led the development of a teaching farm with an on campus livestock facility that includes barns, trucks, trailer, tractor, and a complete beef cattle handling system. It was a great source of pride to see the small "farm in the city" be accepted and celebrated by students, campus staff, and the community neighbors alike. Local Kern County businesses and students' hard work made the vision a reality and much credit goes to those who gave their labor and financial support.

Passionate about the consumers hunger and need for accurate information about food and food production systems, she co-founded two websites: www.itsaboutfood.com and www.beefeducation.com. Both also maintain sites on social media's facebook. Addressing topics from what's really in a hotdog to hormone and antibiotic uses in meat production, the sites' missions are to serve as consumer education resource, dispelling misinformation and misunderstandings about their food source.



Russ Dickson, DVM

Forty years ago, Dr. Robert S Dickson was honored as Kern County Cattleman of the Year, tonight we honor his son, Russell T. Dickson, the 4th of his twelve children. Russ competed with his brothers and sisters to see who would go with their father on ranch calls in the early 1960's and 70's. Russ won more often than not. His father fostered in him a respect for the cattle industry and a love for the veterinary profession. Russell, as well as his 11 siblings, observed their dad working with many ranchers here in Kern County. His grandfather, H.K. Dickson was very influential as well. H.K was the head of the Agriculture Department at Kern Union High School from 1922 until retirement in the 60s and spearheaded the origins of the Kern County Fair, these passions of his were shared with all 12 grandchildren during their formative years.

Russ graduated from West High School in 1971 then went on to major in Animal Physiology at Bakersfield College and later at UC Davis, he applied for and was accepted to the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine after his junior year in college. Russ paid for college by raising and tending a small herd of dairy cattle at his parents home on Panama Lane. During Veterinary School Russ followed the large and small animal tracts. He met his future wife, Sue Granger, at the beginning of his senior year. Russ graduated from Veterinary School in 1978, he and Sue were married, and he began working in Gilroy tending to both large and small animals. The next year they moved to Cotati, where he practiced large animal medicine exclusively.

In November of 1983 Russ became a solo practitioner, large animal during the day, and also working for his vet school classmate, Katie Ratliff at night, doing small animal emergencies. He worked 7 days a week for several years to provide quality veterinary services to feedlots, cow/calf operations as well as to the dairy industry. During this time his family grew to four children; Megan, Bob, Callie and Jon. He served as the Panama 4-H leader and the Scoutmaster for his son's boy scout troop as well. He cultivated a passion for animals in his children, and his youngest son, Jonathan, follows in his footsteps as a small animal veterinarian, now in Bakersfield.

Glennville 4-H Spring 2016 Update

by Christine Lindley

The members of the Glennville 4-H club would like to thank our community for their support of this club's projects. Because of your encouragement and support, this club has had a very exciting year.

At the beginning of this program year, members exhibited their livestock projects at the Kern County Fair. With their market goats, dairy goats, and rabbits, members had a very fun and rewarding experience. Beginning with dairy goats, its members' winning highlights included, 1st place Pen of 4 Does, 2nd and 4th place Best of Three Does, 1st place Dam and Daughter, in the age divisions, never falling below 10th place, and Reserve Grand Champion Overall Doe. The Reserve Grand Champion Overall Doe winner was the first in this club to participate in the Parade of Champions. In dairy goat showmanship, members placed in the top 7 placings. This club's costume contestants from Goats and Gold, as well as Rabbit and Cavy Costume, placed well, winning Overall Grand Champion Goats and Gold, 1st, 2nd, and 9th place Goats and Gold Costume Division, and 6th place Rabbits and Cavy Costume Pee-Wee Division. This year, its members' Holland Lops won 5th place Solid Color Senior Buck, and 7th Place Broken Color Senior Buck. The club members'

individual striving to make quality market goats paid off, as they continually placed well, never falling below 7th place in the Market Goat Class. The members' highest winnings included 5th place Overall Medium Weight Final Drive in Market Goat, 1st and 2nd Medium Weight Class, 2nd place Heavy Weight Class, and 2nd place Pen of Four Market Goats. In our local Kern Bred and Fed Class, as well as the Doe Class, members won 2nd and 3rd place middleweight goats, Reserve Grand Champion Middleweight Kern Bred and Fed, and Grand Champion Heavyweight Doe. To be sure, this group's animals brought home many ribbons and banners. One of the highlights of this group's year at the fair was winning the Clean Stall Award for Market and Dairy goats, and all the goats at the fair, as well as Overall Grand Champion Goat Theme Exhibit. Members not only raised quality project animals, but also kept pens exceedingly cleaned during this time, cleaning pens before 6:00 in the morning and again before the fair closed each night.

This club's members excelled in their projects at the fair, and now, they are preparing to learn about and compete in a new project, Western Heritage. This spring, two of the club's leaders participated in the National 4-H Western Heritage Project Training, in which members learn about the history of the West from 1860 to 1900, from cattle ranching and trail rides to gold prospectors and boom towns, as well as the kinds of guns from that era. Members learn about this timeframe from a written perspective, as well as hands-on learning, as members learn how to safely shoot the firearms from this time, in a Cowboy-Action Shooting style, and dress in time-period correct clothing. Because this club's leaders are now trained as state and local instructors, anyone interested in participating in this project is welcome to come and join the fun, adults and kids alike.

With all this learning about livestock, history, animal husbandry, and shooting, Glennville 4-H members are getting ready for another, exciting fair, and a brand new Shooting Sports project. This year at the Kern County Fair, members will be exhibiting their animals in the goat barn (behind the Livestock Pavilion), as well as the poultry barn (behind the goat barn), beginning September 20, and ending October 2, 2016. It has been a real, bright spot to be visited by so many from our community during our time at the fair.

If you are interested in participating in Glennville 4-H's animal projects, or its shooting sports projects, contact Tammy Lindley, our Community Club Leader, at (661) 536-8415, for more information. Again, a big "Thank You" to our community, whose encouragement and support have made Glennville 4-H's year extraordinary, and we hope to see you again at the Great Kern County Fair!!!



Kern County Beef Ambassadors Spread the Word for the Herd

The State Beef Ambassador Competition will be held Saturday April 26th in San Jose. County Beef Ambassadors from all over the state of California will compete with their Beef knowledge abilities in a written essay, media interview, consumer presentation and a beef knowledge test in order to be chosen to become the 2015 California State Beef Ambassador. Abby, Samantha and Katelyn will be competing in the State Beef Ambassador Contest in San Jose on April 9th.

Getting the message out to consumers about the quality and safety of beef is difficult in this ever changing world. They loudly hear the negative messages of environmental action groups who want to blame everything from climate change to air pollution on cattle. But we have found the truth is easily received by consumers when it comes from the mouth of our youth, who have spent their lives working and playing on California Ranches. That makes our Kern County Beef Ambassadors a vital tool for the Beef Industry. This year, our Senior Beef Ambassador, Katelyn Priddy will compete for a State Title in San Jose on April 9th, hoping to make it two in a row for Kern County following Abby Grisedale's win in 2015. Miss Lizzie DeLeon will share responsibilities here in Kern County with the Jr. Beef Ambassadors, Samantha Carver and Megan Winkler. These Ambassadors were present at the World Ag Expo, engaging thousands of people in conversations about beef. They will also be making presentations at Farm Day in the City at

the Kern County Fair; the Midnight Pewitt Ranch Rodeo; the Teachers Ag Seminar in Bakersfield and the Kern County Fair in the fall. The Kern County Beef Ambassador program is designed for students ages 13-21 who want to become advocates for the Beef Industry. Applications are available in January of each year on our website at www.kerncattletwomen.org or by contacting Erin Rogers with Kern County Cattlemen. Ambassadors are trained in beef nutrition, environmental issues, animal health and safety and beef by-products. Our Kern County Beef Ambassadors are available for school presentations, 4-H and FFA presentations, health fairs and other agricultural events. Please contact Kern County Cattlemen to arrange for these amazing young beef advocates to appear at your event.

Basque Shepherd's Bread

The Kern County Historical Society

Ingredients

- 3 Cups warm water
- 1/4 lb. butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2-1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 packages active dry yeast
- 9 cups all-purpose or bread flour
- 1 ten or twelve inch Dutch oven (5 quart size)

Instructions

1. Melt butter slowly on stove -- remove and let cool somewhat.
2. Combine water, sugar and salt in a large bowl. Stir in butter. Mixture should be warm but not hot.
3. Stir in yeast. Cover with a cloth or towel and set aside in a warm place until yeast starts to bubble -- about 15 to 20 minutes.
4. Slowly add 5 cups flour and stir until a thick batter is formed.
5. Begin stirring in approx. 3-1/2 cups of the remaining flour to form a stiff dough. If stirring become too difficult, knead in the remaining flour, using some of the leftover flour to coat the surface you are using as a kneading space so the dough won't stick.
6. Continue to knead until you have a smooth, even-textured dough -- 10 to 20 minutes. Form into a domed ball.
7. Place dough into a well-greased large bowl or your well-greased Dutch oven. Cover with a cloth or towel and let dough rise until doubled in size -- about 1 hour to 1 hour 20 minutes. (Note: Temperature, humidity and weather can affect the rate of time the dough takes to rise. Be patient. Some home ovens have a "proofing" temperature you can use or simply set the container in the oven and turn on the oven light.)
8. Punch down the dough and knead again on a floured surface for a couple of minutes.
9. Place the dough in a lidded, well-greased Dutch oven. (Make sure you have greased the underside of the lid thoroughly as well.) Set aside in a warm place and let the dough rise until it has lifted the lid of the Dutch oven about three quarters of an inch. Watch closely.
10. Place Dutch oven in a preheated 375 degree oven with the lid on for 12 to 15 minutes.
11. Remove the lid and continue baking for 30 to 35 minutes or until bread is golden brown. (Each oven cooks differently. It may take more or less time to finish your bread. Experimenting may be required.)
12. Remove loaf from Dutch oven and let cool completely before slicing. Enjoy!

For information on becoming a member of the Kern County Historical Society, visit their website at <http://kernhistoricalsociety.org>.

What is a Dutch oven?

A Dutch oven is a thick-walled cooking pot with a tight-fitting lid. Dutch ovens are usually made of cast iron, and seasoned. Some Dutch ovens are instead made of cast aluminum, or are ceramic. Some metal varieties are enameled rather than being seasoned. Dutch ovens have been used as cooking vessels for hundreds of years. They are called casserole dishes in English speaking countries other than the United States ("casserole" means "pot" in French), and cocottes in French. They are similar to both the Japanese tetsunabe and the Sa, a traditional Balkan cast-iron oven, and are related to the South African Potjie and the Australian Bedourie oven.



Dutch oven from the 1890's

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2016

by Paula Francis

On Thursday, June 2, 2016, three young men from our local mountain communities will be graduating from North High School: **Jed Adams**, **Ethan Francis**, and **Kurtis Nix**. Jed Adams, youngest son of Joe and Sandra Adams of Glennville, has played both football and baseball while at North. After graduation, the Adams family is moving to Idaho where Jed plans to attend college. Ethan Francis is from the Granite Station area and the youngest son of Daran & Paula Francis. As a student at North High, Ethan played baseball and ran cross country. He was also very active in FCA and FFA – including holding both chapter and regional FFA offices. Ethan has been accepted to engineering programs at both Cal Poly, SLO, and Colorado School of Mines, but he is also running for a spot on the California FFA State Officer team. The outcome of that FFA election at the end of April will determine Ethan's specific plans after graduation. Kurtis Nix, son of Bill and Kim Nix of



(l-r) Jed Adams, Ethan Francis, Kurtis Nix

Sugarloaf has also been active in football, baseball, FFA, and FCA while at North High. He plans to attend North Idaho College where he will study forestry.

Cassie Varley will be graduating from the 8th grade in May of 2016, from Valley Oaks Charter School. Cassie has been homeschooled since kindergarten. She will be starting at North High this fall, where she is excited to be a part of FFA and North High athletics. Her summer will be filled with competing in Springville Jr. Rodeo and other equine events.

Abigail Grisedale will be graduating early from Oklahoma State University in December of 2016. She will receive her degree in Animal Science with a focus on Business, and a minor in Agriculture Economics.

Congratulations and good luck!



Cassie Varley

GARDEN TIPS FROM PAM

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larger plants to use more as a hedge. More hanging baskets are also on my garden plan. This way I can move them around and shield them from the hungry deer.

May all of you that enjoy gardening be blessed with the fruits of your efforts! I'm hoping for sunshine, more rain and warmer days ahead.

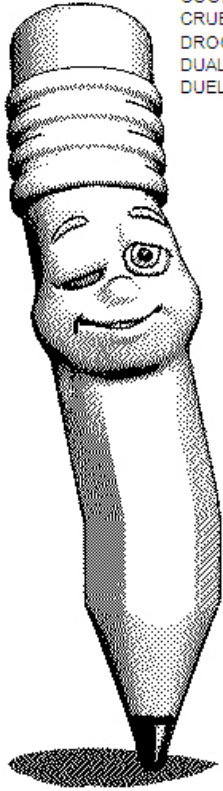
"Behold, my friends, the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love"... *Sitting Bull*



GAMES 4 KIDS & THE YOUNG AT HEART

RHYMES WITH SCHOOL WORD SEARCH

Find and circle all of the words from the word list below.



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" The Face Of A Child Can Say It All, Especially The Mouth Part Of The Face. "



Find the Differences!



PICNIC BASKET

There are three different kinds of sandwiches in the picnic basket. Find one of them in each of these rhymes.

Some like jelly,
Some like jam,
But in my sandwich
I want _____



For this kind of sandwich
I always beg,
Because my favorite
Kind is _____

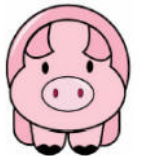


Carrots are good
And so are peas,
But I like a bun that's
Filled with _____



Farm Animal Word Scramble

1. toga _____
2. ckhncie _____
3. udck _____
4. wco _____
5. speeh _____
6. egsoo _____
7. dgo _____
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9. shore _____
10. act _____



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