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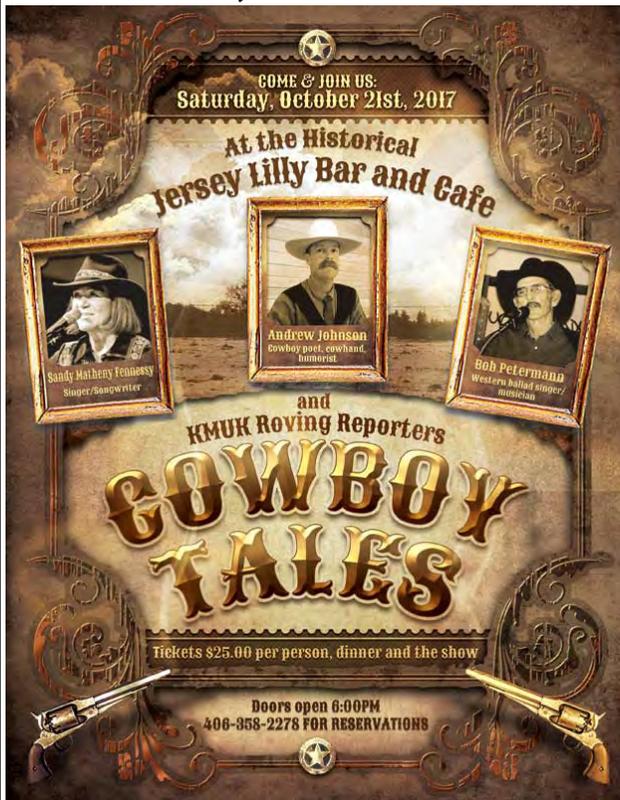
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Cowboy Tales Western Music and Cowboy Poetry Sat, October 21st at the Jersey Lilly



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It's that time again for great grub, captivating cowboy poetry, and harmonious western ballads at the Jersey Lilly, in Ingomar, MT, Saturday, October 21st. Cowboy Tales, presented by the Jersey Lilly and Camp IOU, offers guests an evening that celebrates the Old West. The program features cowboy poet, cowhand, ranch rodeo announcer and humorist, Andrew Johnson, making his premiere performance at the Jersey Lilly.

Johnson's amusing observations and poetic cowboy yarns highlight ranching life in Eastern

Montana and throughout the west. Johnson is cowboy through and through, and a real crowd pleaser.

Western singer/songwriter Bob Petermann returns to the Jersey Lilly, with his melodious ballads, original songs, and quick wit. Petermann delivers Montana themed songs that take you out on the range; songs like, "Ranching's Final Stand", "The Badlands of Montana", and looking for "A Couple Good Horses to Ride". For a change of pace, Petermann launches into "The Wiregrass Blues" which, quips western photographer

Hart Broesel, "pretty much keeps the audience in stitches." Petermann has been a featured performer at events like Jim Thompson's Heritage of the American West, Spearfish, SD; the Montana Cowboy Poetry Gathering, Lewistown, MT and the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering in Elko, NV.

Sandy Matheny Fennessy rounds out the entertainers with her mellow contralto voice, singing some great songs she's written for the evening's festivities. Raised on an eastern Oregon ranch, Sandy grew up singing at her parents' knees "and other low joints", she laughs. She splits her time between Oregon, Whitefish and Ingomar, and is part of a singing duo called the "Gold Dust Girls". One of her songs, a real favorite, is about Ingomar, "Two Old Cowboys and Three Guitars", a seriously funny song that takes the audience "a long ways under the barn looking for eggs".

Rumor has it that the Roving Reporters of KMUK (coming to you from Ingomar's Gumbo Country) will have some amazing news updates throughout the evening; stories "you couldn't possibly hear anywhere else."

As always, June Nygren, co-owner of the Jersey Lilly with Boots Kope, brings her culinary skills to the evening with an amazing spread. "I really look forward to the talented performers and a fun audience as we celebrate the Old West during our Cowboy Tales evening, " added June.

**Tickets are \$25.00 for dinner and the show.
Doors open at 6:00pm. For tickets please call 406-358-2278.**

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Circle B wins Ingomar Ranch Rodeo - On to the NILE



Bad Hair Day at the Ingomar Ranch Rodeo, Labor Day 2017 weekend. *Photo by Hart Broesel.*

Three teams braved the smoke, heat and dust to take part in the third annual Ingomar Ranch Rodeo this past Labor Day weekend. When the dust settled, Circle B had won the event, and qualified to participate October 14th in the NILE Ranch Rodeo Finals in Billings. Circle B team members are: Jackson Wald, Tyrell Cresswell, Chris Davis, and Kyla Johnson.

It was a tough challenge, and only 10 points separated the winning team from second place, which was won by 4L Land and Livestock, who is now qualified for the Big Sky Ranch Rodeo Sept 16th. "Hey, next year we'll win in Ingomar," added 4L Land and Livestock's Herb Napier, who was also judged Top Hand for the event. Top Horse was awarded to Chris Davis' horse, Paddy, of Circle B.

Andrew Johnson, the announcer kept the crowd entertained with quips about the participants, a round or two of cowboy poetry and sang the National Anthem to open the event. "Andrew is a real crowd pleaser," added Ingomar Rodeo Club secretary Alice Cameron. The club (7 members in the little town of 15 people) not only puts on the Ingomar Ranch Rodeo, but also the Ingomar Open Rodeo each year.

The Grand Entry, sporting the American and Montana flag, was a special treat for the crowd. The colors were flying from a unique "Owen Badgett restored" wagon driven by Ingomar's Morris Ware. Ware drove a pair of Haflingers he trained as he rounded the arena.

The "Anything can happen and it usually does.." rule applied as always. With a smaller number of teams, the IRR Club ran a full 6-event rodeo on both Saturday and Sunday. Ingomar added \$600 to the overall purse; \$100 for the winning team for each event; cow milking, team penning, team branding, trailering, doctoring, and bronc riding. "The money was pretty well spread around", remarked rodeo club president Donald John Cameron. Besides the overall purse, each team took home their share of those extra event winnings.

The judges, Matt Noyes and Casey Mott, improvised when the teams needed to identify which longhorn cows to gather up for team milking. As one team headed down to pick out their cows, they got these instructions, "You are looking for two critters with orange tags," announced Johnson, "A lot like your ranch boss would send you out to work the herd."

"One thing great about these ranch rodeos, " added Alice, "the crowd can hear the teams talking as they work the cattle." Sometimes in the dust, teams had to work pretty hard to identify the cattle they needed to round up. "They also laughed a lot, " added Alice, "And each team told me how much they enjoyed the event." Alice had a big white scoreboard made up, so folks can keep track of who is in the lead. And the audience cheered good efforts as well as good results.

A lot of youngsters participated in calf un-decorating both days. The first day the calves scattered around the arena as fast as they could run.

Crowd members, rodeo club volunteers and Ranch rodeo team members circled up to make the area smaller, so a youngster could actually pull one of the yellow flags off a tail. The second day, Donald John made sure there was a smaller corralled area for that event. Youngsters also tried their skill at dummy roping both days. Folks cheered innovative techniques and determination from participating youngsters.

Saturday night there was a Big Loop roping, followed by music and karaoke at the Jersey Lilly. A wagon train came through town during the event Sunday. Donald John is already working on ideas for next year's Ingomar Ranch Rodeo. "We are really grateful to all our rodeo sponsors, volunteers, attendees and participants. They make our rodeo happen," added Donald John.

Don't forget the Big Sky Ranch Rodeo finals will be held September 16th in Forsyth, and the NILE Ranch Rodeo Finals will be held Saturday October 14th in Billings, MT. "The Ingomar Rodeo Club now has a facebook page," added Alice, "So follow us at Ingomar Rodeo Club. Also, 2018 "Bred to Buck" calendars, with photos from both Ingomar Rodeos will be available October 21st. Proceeds go to the Ingomar Rodeo Club. Stay tuned! For more information contact Alice Cameron 406-358-2255.

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Travis Nye, Wrangler Team Roper Champion



Travis Nye and Linda Lou.



Recently we were visiting family in Bitterroot country, and had the pleasure of meeting team roper Travis Nye. He had just won first place and \$10,000.00 at a Wrangler team-roping event in Billings - Gold Digger Champion Heeler. A great guy, who builds amazing homes in the Bitterroot country, and is a died-in-the-wool team roper. Although Nye has won various titles, this is his first big one. "I have been roping since I was about ten," said Travis. Gives an idea of how much work it takes to get it done. Nye has not made it to the Ingomar open rodeo - yet, but he's heard of the event.... You never know.... Congratulations Travis! Go get 'em!

Ingomar Wagon Train 2017 Travels Historical Trails in Eastern Montana



Eleven wagons, seven outriders and a great camp cook took part in the recent Ingomar wagon train this year. Camaraderie, historical trails and good grub made for a top-notch three-day adventure across the eastern Montana plains. The wagons, horses, drivers and riders camped at the Ingomar Rodeo grounds and headed out a different direction each of the three days the wagon train took place. .

"I think everybody had a darn good time every day," said teamster Gary Holman from Terry, MT. Holman drove his wagon with a team of Haflingers, one of five Haflinger teams that pulled an assortment of wagons during this event. There were farm wagons, a freight wagon and buggies. "All the Haflingers came from or through Gary," added wagon master Morris Ware. Ware, an Ingomar resident, has been putting on this wagon train since 2013. "Come to think of it, Pat Breen's Percheron mares came through Gary too."

Owen Badgett, drove his team of mules, Genghis and Attila, and insisted on referring to the Haflingers as "dwarf Belgians". "Not so," said Holman. "They come from the Austrian mountain pony and Arab horse." Of course Badgett will be forever recounting his version of the story...as the resident cowboy poet in Ingomar, there were a number of stories he shared with the captive audience during the event. Wherever Haflingers come from, they are a hardy breed, and their striking manes dotted the plains around Ingomar for three days.



On day one, the group trailed North through Homestead Place on the Sun Coulee Ranch, up through the Gilbreth Hills. Dinner was "special delivered" courtesy of Sun Coulee's Alice Cameron. Somehow, the wagon train had taken off without the noon meal, but Alice saved the day.

On day two, the group headed east and then south through Froze to Death, and ate their noon meal near Moorehead. On the way back to Ingomar, Morris gathered about 10 school kids from Sand Springs and Winnett, who met the train at the Ingomar/Hysham road junction. The youngsters, along with several adults, enjoyed the wagon trip back to Ingomar, where the group had their pictures taken in front of the Jersey Lilly. "The line of wagons and outriders filled Main Street," quipped Ware.



On day three, the wagons headed to Lambing Camp pasture, with dinner at Lambing Camp. Folks trailed back to Ingomar with some mischief afoot. The first Ingomar Wagon train happened in 2013. Many of the folks that take part each year have known each other for a long time (some for over 50 years), which can make for some inventive teamwork.

Coming up from Lambing Camp the third day, Badgett was driving his mules, Ghengis and Attila, pulling a small buggy, that Badgett had recently resprung. It apparently made for a comfy ride, and Badgett, who was pretty much right behind Ware's outfit, was dozing off. Ware got the

idea to head off onto the prairie and when Badgett woke up he would be mighty surprised at where he was. "Thought those mules would just follow me. We hit a bump, and Badgett got awake pretty quick." Said Ware. Owen woke with a start, and his dozing off was done for the afternoon.

The weather each year has been as varied as the scenery; Windy cold, sunny blue sky and clouds, and smoky skies this past year. Holman suggested to Ware, "You know, we all don't remember everything quite like we used to, so next year you could pretty well go back the way we went last year," But Ware mixes it up.

Wagon teamsters included: Teamsters Pat Breem, Morris Ware, wagon master, Emily Olson, Gary Holman, Janet Haughian, Larry Amende & Sue Branson, Roger Sprague, Jack Hinnaland, Owen Badgett, B.J. Cornutt, and Ray Reede Outriders, George Robertson, Jan Cornutt, Deb Hinnaland, Kaly Maetche, Sarah Jane Wiley and her daughter Shelby Anderson, Bryon Berg, Linda Gershmel, who also was the assistant camp cook. And camp cook, Sharon Poulton.

Please contact Linda Lou Crosby for more information at LL@cmpiou.com.

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That's all the news for now! Stay tuned...

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