

World tradition continues

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In 1969, Colorado House Joint Resolution 1025, with the Senate and the House of Representatives concurring, declared the first rodeo held in the world was in Deer Trail, Colorado on July 4, 1869.

As these ranchers and ranch hands gathered to compete, their two events were steer roping and saddle bronc riding. In this time-honored tradition the ranchers, ranch hands and cowboys will gather Oct. 9-10, at 1 p.m. for the Mountain State Steer Roping Finals in Sterling at the Logan County Fairgrounds.

As they did in 1869 these cowboys will compete in the time-honored art of being one man who needs to doctor or bring a steer in just as they still do in the open pastures.

Eighteen contestants will be competing for the Mountain States Steer Roping Championship. Among them is the youngest man to compete in the NFR, JD Yates, a native of Colorado and a legend in the horse training and rodeo industries.

Fans will also be able to cheer on local ranchers and horse trainers, Brad Cook, Norm Cook and Chris Anderson. The event features beautiful horses that have been trained with unbelievable skills and talent.

Enjoy two afternoons, Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. each day at the Logan County Fairgrounds in Sterling as the western tradition continues in the Mountain States Steer Roping Finals.