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From Wrangler President

Hello Wrangler family,

I hope this letter finds all of you healthy and in good spirits. I would like first to say thank you to all our Wrangler veterans. The sacrifices made have no words but sincere gratitude.

It was great to see so many participate in the September meeting through the online technology. Thank you for your patience as we worked through technical difficulties. Moving forward we will be leveraging the online meeting or webcast platforms to provide information, updates, or host Wrangler meetings due to the in-person restrictions by the city. We also are looking to host more informal fun online meetings to allow the Wrangler family to continue to interact with each other.

Please make sure you log into the Wrangler Portal and register to receive text messages! We will be using that important feature for quick reminders and updates about events, meeting, etc. If you have any questions, please refer to the email that was sent out back on September 9th titled "Wranglers: New digital portal information" or contact me or any of the board members.

With many of the topics we discussed in depth at the Board retreat last month, one of our objectives is to get more Wranglers engaged throughout the year. You may be asked to help serve on a sub-committee to help keep The Wrangler Experience momentum going.

In the spirit of open and transparent communication, I wanted to inform you of the Board's decision regarding this year's Wrangler Christmas party. We have looked at several different locations, however with the latest COVID-19 guidelines from the State, we will not be able to have a party this year. All the places we contacted, had, or will have, limits of 50 to 100 people, we did not feel it was worth having such limited options for the Wrangler family. We will plan to have a get together in the spring... Have a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas! :)

> **Myer Ramey** One of the Wranglers



November 11th – Virtual Board Meeting @ 6:30pm

18th – Virtual Membership Meeting (Online Only)

December 12th – Christmas Party - Canceled

January 6th - Virtual Board Meeting @ 6:30pm

13th – Virtual Membership Meeting (Online Only)



Wrangler Volunteer Portal

(aka Volgistics) Feel free to log in and update/validate your information!

Other Important Notes

Your new Wrangler Board has put together the 2020-2021 event calendar and emailed it out to you on 11/02. Please check for that document and note that we will likely update it from time to time as things change. There is a date and revision mark in the lower RIGHT corner of the calendar; make sure you have a recent copy through the year. We will be sure to keep you up to date on the upcoming dates as the get closer!

Next membership meeting:

November 18th – ONLINE ONLY @ 7:00pm We will be sending specific information for this via email soon! During this meeting we will honor our Veterans and service members. We plan to have a different format for this event as well compared to how we normally host a meeting.

Holiday Lane at Island Grove:

November 27 & 28 @ 5:30pm to 8:30pm A drive-thru holiday lights experience in Greeley that will loop around Island Grove park. The event will be held right after Thanksgiving and admission is \$5 per car and \$10 for passenger vans & buses.

The City of Greeley is hosting this event and no Wrangler support is needed for this event.

Wrangler Christmas party:

Being as transparent as possible here. We have been exploring ALL possibilities for this event and cautiously weighing safety and logistics as well. A decision to cancel our traditional event was made on 11/11/2020. We will carry the budgeted funds and efforts onto a 'Spring Fling' event and combine this with timely recruiting efforts for the 2021 event. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a strong start to the new year!

From your 2021 Vice President

Hello Wranglers,

I am Joy Battistone and I want to thank all of you for the opportunity and privilege to serve as your vice president for the next 2 years. I joined the Wrangler family in 2000 and who would have ever thought that 20 years later in 2020 we would all be where are today. My hope is that we can all use the difficulties of the past year to move forward with a renewed passion for rodeo, great country music and The Greeley Stampede! I look forward to getting to know everyone better over the next 2 years. I enjoy working alongside all of you and greatly appreciate your friendships and all the hard work everyone puts into making The Greeley Stampede AMAZING! I would welcome any feedback or suggestions from any member of the wrangler family!

Aside from the Stampede my husband Tom and I are hobby ranchers with a herd of cattle. I am also in the process of starting my own business, Daily Bread Quality Analytics. My husband and I have "adopted" a few children over the years, one of which (Dee) who has also been a Wrangler for a few years.

I am looking forward to the 99th, the 100th and BEYOND! I hope you all are as well and if not, please contact me I would love to talk with you.

Joy Battistone Wrangler Vice President

From the Stampede Office

Hello Wranglers,

One positive outcome of the longer "off-season" is that we are able go through and organize old items & photos for our event archives. We have found some cool items like Johnny Cash's contract from 1989, a Committee photo from 1931 and lots of old newspaper clippings. Please contact Cayley Loeffler (970-356-7787 or cayley@greeleystampede.org) if you have unique Stampede memorabilia, like the white Wrangler longsleeve shirt with patch or event signage, which you are willing to donate them to the Stampede archive program.



We have started construction of a new permanent arena stage that will allow for larger music concert production, more convenient concert setup, better artist amenities and a larger arena capacity. The new stage construction is scheduled to be completed around April 2021. We are planning for a 2021 event, but we are not exactly sure how it will look due to expected covid-19 restrictions & requirements for large events. Due to the many uncertainties, the Committee has postponed their annual board meeting/retreat, finalizing the event details, and setting budget until early 2021.

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One item that could not wait until early 2021 is scheduling the arena concert headliners due to the competitive live music/concert market. Traditionally, the Night Shows Chairman usually starts to make offers to music artists 12+ months before the upcoming event. We plan to announce the arena concert headliners later this month. Tickets will not go on sale until early 2021 when we have a better understanding of the allowed arena capacity and progress with the stage construction project.

To accommodate guests that traditionally purchase Stampede tickets for holiday gifts, we will be selling gift cards that will also allow early access to purchase tickets before the general public. Gift cards will be sold increments of \$25 and will only be available by visiting or calling the Stampede Office beginning November 17, 2020. We also have some great <u>Stampede branded</u> <u>merchandise</u> for yourself or to give as a holiday gift. Head to <u>www.greeleystampede.org</u> and look under the "Info" heading for the Stampede Store.

Have a safe & happy holiday season,

Justin Watada General Manager

News from the trail...

I hope this finds everyone SAFE, Healthy and Happy. OH, how I missed seeing each of you this past year, but thank goodness, we are still one team, one family. Soon we will be gearing up for our 99th event and ALL wranglers will be needed to pull off another outstanding year. You each bring your expertise within your areas of interest which gives the event that "Wrangler" team touch!

Thanksgiving and Christmas will soon be here ---- that is if we are able to gather ---- and ---- in a blink of an eye ---- holidays will be gone.

Some of the Trail Bosses will begin scheduling their meetings to start the development of the event. YOUR ideas & suggestions are welcome. We would love to hear from you. What do you think the event should include?



Until next time, may each have a filling Thanksgiving and a VERY Merry Christmas!

Connie Ley Gold Spur Trail Boss



Hello stage crew AND fellow Wranglers!

Wow! If you have not been down to the arena this year, I encourage you to do a drive by! It is ready for the new stage to be born! Trent and a few others have been working nonstop to ensure

we have great artists for 2021 and that announcement is coming VERY soon! Some that were slated to play in 2020 returned and we are likely to have some replacements too! Summer 2021 cannot come soon enough for me. I missed working with you and I am SO stoked to work out the new kinks with the new stage. This will be EPIC! I honestly have waited and wished for this for 20+ years and I am SO proud to have been a part of this stuff



with a terrific, supportive, and DRIVEN crew! YOU ROCK! Thank you Trent for keeping up the pace on things and thank you stage crew for being faithful to our area and thank you to ALL the Wrangler family for making the Stampede a great place to be!

Disclaimer – This stage rendering may or may not be the end product. Not valid with any other offier. Subject to funding and term limits. May increase blood pressure due to anticipation. If you you can imagine a concert with that sort of a stage and are exicted, you might be a candidate to be a Stage Crew member. Cory Sample is NOT a doctor but you can contact him by clicking his name there and sending him an email.

<u>Cory Sample</u> Night Shows Trail Boss

In other news....

Have some extra time on your hands?

Kevin & Cayley are getting ready for the 3rd series of the Stampede sponsor videos. We are excited for the next series coming soon and hope you are excited as well! One of the videos will be geared around holiday drinks ('tis the season!!). In the meantime, look at what we have up already from season 2 and 'get saucy!'

https://www.greeleystampede.org/p/events/season-2

And... it is GONE!

The long-standing P.O. Box that belonged to the Wrangler Organization has been closed. We 'let it go' like a scene from Disney's Frozen. 🕑 If you ever need to mail something to a Wrangler Board member, we will now be using the Stampede Office address. We were not seeing much more than junk mail, so we felt this was a nice way to clean up some extra responsibilities and cut down on junk mail. 😳



November & December Wranglers We appreciate you and hope you have a wonderful birthday! Stay healthy!

November	
Kevin C.	Arnie F.
Layton S.	Connie L.
Sharon W.	Troy S.
Nyla B.	Joy B.
Tom K.	Joyce G.
Rae Dale H.	Linda M.
Tori G.	Betty H.
Pat S.	Kieliey B.

December	
Cindy Q.	Trent J.
Elizabeth L.	Nichole L.
Arlene T.	Amy S.
Marty C.	Todd S.
Carl N.	Rhonda D.
Lynn C.	Dawn M.
Cynthiann D.	Marsha H.
Vern S.	Johnny T.
Angela G.	Stephanie D.
Tom C.	Dee S.





Sunshine Corner

Below are the members of the Sunshine Crew. Please contact any member with news regarding our members who might need a little sunshine added to their day.

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SAVE THE DATE

General Membership Meeting @ 7:00pm – ONLINE ONLY Wednesday, November 18