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For the Red Bluff Round-Up

## **ROUND-UP, RODEO AND RANCHING**

*Red Bluff natives have long history of ranching in Tehama County, will compete at the Round-Up*

Red Bluff, Calif. (April 17, 2023) – When it comes to the Red Bluff Round-Up, rodeo, and ranching, the Owens family is all in.

And for two of those Owens descendants, they'll be competing at the Round-Up.

Lacy Hook and her brother Roy Owens count their great-grandfather, Roy Owens, with starting the Round-Up connection. He served as president of the Round-Up from 1922-1940. Their granddad, Jack Owens, and three of his brothers, Jim, Craig and Carroll, were Round-Up directors, and their dad, Kenneth, and uncle John, were directors as well.

Hook will breakaway rope at the Round-Up this week; Owens will team rope.

For both of them, the children of Kenneth and Sheree Owens, their path to rodeo was a natural one.

They attended the Round-Up while their family members served as board members. “We were always there, while dad sorted livestock,” Hook said. “It was the full week. We did everything. We went to the parade, the rodeo, and half of the time, we spent Easter there.”

They competed in junior rodeo, then high school rodeo, both as district or state champions. Hook competed collegiately at Walla Walla (Wash.) Community College, where she got her nursing degree.

As adults and Red Bluff residents, they compete in the amateur level, Hook in the California Cowboys Association (CCA) and Owens formerly in the CCA but often in the Northern Pro Rodeo Association. Owens has been a PRCA member on and off for the past twenty years.

Hook, a breakaway roper, didn't join the Women's Pro Rodeo Association (WPRA) till last year, because many of the California rodeos don't include breakaway roping, and the ones that do added it in the last four years.

Hook's horse was another reason for her to go professional.

Missy, a fifteen-year-old mare, was a gift from Kenneth to his daughter. Hook's husband, Cole, a horse trainer, trained Missy as a rope horse and rode her for the team roping, but now his wife rides her.

The mare is "pretty special," Hook said. "She scores really good," she said, referring to a horse's ability to wait for the cue from its rider, as it's in the roping box, ready to compete. "She can run hard and she can really stop." Her registered name is Miss N Summer Cash.

Hook is a nurse practitioner at the Tehama County Health Center. Four years ago, she completed her schooling to become an endocrinology specialist.

Roy Owens rodeoed nearly fulltime for three years as a young adult, and ranches with his parents and his uncle John and John's sons at the Owens Ranch. He spends his summers at the family ranch near Klamath Falls, Ore., with the cattle.

The siblings say competing at the Round-Up is a big deal. "It's pretty cool and super neat that I get to rope at Red Bluff," Hook said. "It's probably more special than anything."

"It's more exciting, being in front of your hometown crowd," Owens said.

Owens is married to Casey; they have a son, Wade, who is seven years old.

Owens and Hook are just two of the over 700 cowboys and cowgirls from 25 states and two provinces who will compete at the Red Bluff Round-Up.

Slack competition, the steer wrestling, tie-down roping, and team roping, takes place April 19-20 beginning at 9 am each day. The top 24 in each event advance from slack to the rodeo performances.

Barrel racing and breakaway roping slack will be held on April 21 at 9 am. The top 24 in each of those two events advance to the rodeo performances.

The Round-Up takes place April 21-23, with performances at 7 pm on April 21, 2:30 pm on April 22, and 1:30 pm on April 23.

Tickets range in price from \$20-\$40 and are on sale online at [RedBluffRoundup.com](http://RedBluffRoundup.com), at the Round-Up Museum (670 Antelope Blvd., Suite 1, Red Bluff) and at the gate.

For more information, call 530.527.1000.

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Cutline:

Breakaway roper Lacy Hooks' roots run deep in Red Bluff and with the Round-Up. Her great-grandfather, Roy Owens, was president of the Round-Up from 1922-1940; her granddad, great-uncles, dad and uncles were all directors. Hook will compete at the Round-Up. Photo by Crystal Amen Photography.