

# SPECIALTY ACTS



**Troy Lerwill**  
*2002-03, 2005-07*  
*PRCA Comedy Act*  
*of the Year*

PRCA ProRodeo photo by Mike Copeman

# Specialty Acts

Specialty acts are as much a part of rodeo as the cowboys and bucking animals who are more often in the limelight. While specialty acts are used throughout the rodeo industry to fill gaps in the action, these talented performers hold their own in terms of keeping the fans entertained.

A specialty act can consist of just about anything. Elaborate clown comedy skits, magnificently trained animal acts, trick ropers, sharpshooters and death-defying trick riders are just a few of the cast members found in this diverse category.

*The following is a listing of PRCA-member specialty acts.*

## **Leon & Vicki Adams Rodeo Acts, Inc.**

### **Leon and Vicki Adams**

**HOMETOWN:** Stuart, Okla.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Brahman bulls, Geronimo and Apache; horse, Cherokee Smoke; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** Roman riding Brahman bulls jump through fire hoop; Silver, famous horse dance routine; Butterfly, Indian dancing horse routine; Cherokee Smoke, fire hoop; car jump Roman style; **JOINED PRCA:** Leon, 1964; Vicki, 1969; **BIRTHDATE:** Leon, July 3, 1930; Vicki, May 13, 1951; **FAMILY:** daughter, Kerri Hall; son-in-law, John Hall; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** ranching; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** ranching, rodeo and church; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Specialty Act of the Year, (Leon) 1982; (Vicki) 1984; (Leon and Vicki) 1987, 1997; performed in France, Japan, Finland, Mexico and Canada; Leon Adams was inducted into the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum and National Rodeo Hall of Fame in 2004; Vicki Adams was inducted into the National Cowboys of Color Museum and Hall of Fame in 2005

## **Anderson's Wild West Entertainment**

### **Austin Anderson**

**HOMETOWN:** Troup, Texas; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Toby, Charlie, American quarter horses; Patches, paint horse; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** Roman riding team with fire jump, whip act on horseback, trick and fancy riding; **JOINED PRCA:** 1998; **BIRTHDATE:** July 3, 1968; **FAMILY:** single; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** film work, stunts, rancher; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** team roping, film work, training horses; **FAMILY MEMBERS IN RODEO:** sister, Staci; parents, Don and Jo Ann; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** television and film work performing stunts and using specialty horses; performed at the Calgary (Alberta) Stampede and the National Western Stock Show (Denver).

## **The Magnificent Seven**

### **Staci Anderson-Diaz**

**HOMETOWN:** New Braunfels, Texas; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Cody, Barney, Fancy, Paris, Orion, American whites; Dakota Warrior, paint; Milagro, andalusian; Pajaro, quarter horse; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** Roman riding six white horses in tandem and jumping them with double jumps; three different dancing horses and a white liberty horse presentation; **JOINED PRCA:** 1997; **FAMILY:** husband, Gerardo; son, Nicolas; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** training horses; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** horses, family; **FAMILY MEMBERS IN RODEO:** brother, Austin; husband, Gerardo "Jerry" Diaz; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** worked on several Western films as stunt double, *North and South Part III*, *Buffalo Girls* and *True Women*.

## **Ole' Man Barrett**

### **Dick Barrett**

**HOMETOWN:** Sauquoit, N.Y.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Midnight, trick mule; Big John, miniature horse; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** Bucking Ford; **JOINED PRCA:** 1956; **BIRTHDATE:** April 4, 1928; **FAMILY:** wife, Shirley; daughters Sharon, Linda, Laurie; son, Dickie.

## **Andy Bell**

**HOMETOWN:** South Jordan, Utah. **BIRTHDATE:** Dec. 31, 1975. **JOINED PRCA:** 2004.

## **Demetra Bell**

**HOMETOWN:** Weatherford, Texas. **BIRTHDATE:** Oct. 30, 1967. **JOINED PRCA:** 2006.

## **Faye Blackstone**

**HOMETOWN:** Diller, Neb. (currently resides in Parrish, Fla.). **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Cricket, horse. **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick rider; originated "Back Fender Drag," "Balleria" and "Fly Away" in trick riding; **JOINED PRCA:** 1937. **BIRTHDATE:** June 3, 1915. **FAMILY:** husband, Vick (deceased, 1987). **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Cowgirl Hall of Fame inductee, 1982; Florida barrel racing champion, 1953, 1956.

## **Quadrille de Mujeres**

### **Judy Blair**

**HOMETOWN:** Phoenix, Ariz.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** 13 quarter horses; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** Thirteen women dressed in glittery outfits, on their well-groomed horses, perform speed and precision maneuvers that thrill the crowd; **JOINED PRCA:** 1997; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Performed at La Fiesta de los Vaqueros (Tucson, Ariz.) for the past 27 years; Turquoise Circuit Finals Rodeo; Prescott (Ariz.) Rodeo; and many rodeos in the Southwest.

## **Shawn Brackett**

**HOMETOWN:** Collinsville, Okla.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Registered paint horses, The Indian Warrior, Whistle, Scout, Spot, Sis, Cisco and Hobie; Crazy Cloud, high schooled horse; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** Roman riding, high schooled horse, trick riding and six up Roman style; **JOINED PRCA:** 1997; **BIRTHDATE:** July 9, 1978; **FAMILY:** single; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** Thoroughbred breeding and racing; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Wrangler National Finals Rodeo specialty act, 1999-2000; Colombian National Finals Rodeo (Bogota, Colombia, South America), 1997; Fort Worth Stock Show, 2002; Tucson, Ariz., 2005; Prescott, Ariz., 2005.

## **Flying Arena Stars**

### **Beth Brown-Lang**

**HOMETOWN:** Montrose, Colo.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Jed, Honey, Rose, Ebony, Munchken, trick riding horses; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick and fancy riding; **JOINED PRCA:** 2001; **BIRTHDATE:** May 20, 1982; **FAMILY:** husband, Ty; **COLLEGE:** University of Wyoming (Laramie); **OTHER OCCUPATION:** horse trainer, student.

## **Wild Rope Productions**

### **Vince Bruce**

**HOMETOWN:** Cheltenham, England (currently lives in Sarasota, Fla.); **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Comanche, Cochise, sorrel overo paint geldings, Nikki, Borge, ditch dogs; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** horse roping, Roman riding, trick roping, whip artist; **JOINED PRCA:** 1990; **BIRTHDATE:** April 4, 1955; **FAMILY:** wife, Annie; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** Post Impressionist art, rawhide braiding, the Spanish Inquisition; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Wrangler NFR opening act, 1990, 1997, 2002; two-and-a-half years performing on Broadway in Will Rogers Follies; only British member of PRCA.

## All-American Cowgirl Chicks

### Trish Lynn Carter and Holli Brown

**HOMETOWN:** Weatherford, Texas. **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** horses. **ACTS AND STUNTS:** opening ceremonies with flags, drills. **BIRTHDATES:** Carter, April 30, 1968; Brown, March 21, 1986. **JOINED PRCA:** 2006. **ACHIEVEMENTS:** In 1999, Carter and longtime friend Katherine Brown founded the team, which is composed of 18 talented horsewomen between the ages of 16 and 40 who perform in groups of 12 or more. Carter and Brown, whose daughter is Holli, coach the group.

## Paige Callaway

**HOMETOWN:** Odessa, Texas. **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Shaq, Smoke, horses. **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick riding. **JOINED PRCA:** 2006. **BIRTHDATE:** Jan. 14, 1987, in Priddis, Alberta. **FAMILY:** single. **COLLEGE:** Odessa (Texas) College, associate's degree in communications. **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** jewelry making, school. **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Will Rogers World Champion Trick Rider, group, 2005; Fort Worth (Texas) Stock Show, 2006.

## Cowboy Gone Wild

### Binion Cervi

**HOMETOWN:** Roggen, Colo.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Fancy, Charlie, Counter, paint horse; Gunner, palomino horse; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick and fancy riding; **JOINED PRCA:** 2002; **BIRTHDATE:** July 24, 1984; **FAMILY:** single; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** fishing, water skiing.

## Dick Cory

**HOMETOWN:** Ridge Spring, S.C.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Chico, palomino quarter horse; Stormy, paint horse; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** Traditional cowboy-style rope spinning, whips acts; "Dick, Cory and Chino," singing cowboy and horse act; **JOINED PRCA:** 2000; **BIRTHDATE:** Feb. 11, 1933; **FAMILY:** wife, Lois; son, Rand; daughter, Shawna; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** Cory Ranch Roping Horses and Corriente Cattle; Cory Ranch Leather Shop; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Lifetime professional rodeo performer.

## The Coppertown Clown

### Bert Davis

**HOMETOWN:** Copperopolis, Calif.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Kelsey, Australian shepherd; Snowball, shepherd/wolf cross; Wally, Brittany spaniel; Scoots, Shepperkey; Angela, Chow chow; Spoztlund, Wirehair terrier; Hi-Fi, Llama, ZZ, Zappz, Zeppalin, Fog and Sammy, goats; Lulu & Sundance, mules; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** The Garbage man's Nightmare; The Muttley Crew; Team Barnyard, a five-goat liberty act; Broken D Rodeo Company miniature bucking bulls. **JOINED PRCA:** 1974; **BIRTHDATE:** July, 31, 1957; **FAMILY:** wife, Frannie; daughter, Cheyenne; son, Cody; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** animal trainer, co-owner of rodeo company; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Wrangler NFR opening act, 2000, 2003, 2006; PRCA Comedy Act of the Year nominee, 2003-04; World Freestyle Bullfight qualifying round and finals barrelman, 2004; featured on National Geographic's Dogs with Jobs show; Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo, 2006; California Circuit Finals Rodeo, 1998, 2004; Turquoise Circuit Finals Rodeo, 2003; Mountain States Circuit Finals, 2002; Columbia River Circuit Finals Rodeo, 2001; Prairie Circuit Finals, 1999; PRCA executive council, contract personnel chairman, 2005-06, contract personnel at-large director, 2005-06; CPRA Finals, 1992-95, 1998; NPRA Finals, 1993, 1999; PRCA Gold Card member; youngest bullfighter in the PRCA in 1974.

## Johnny Dent

**HOMETOWN:** Vero Beach, Fla.; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick roping and riding; **JOINED PRCA:** 1970; **BIRTHDATE:** May 29, 1954; **FAMILY:** wife, Jackie; daughter, Torrie; **COLLEGE:** Sheridan (Wyo.) College, associate's degree; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** miniature horses; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** tie-down roping.

## Brent Denton

**HOMETOWN:** Phoenix, Ariz. **BIRTHDATE:** July 1, 1982. **JOINED PRCA:** 2006.

## Gerardo "Jerry" Diaz Productions, Inc.

Gerardo "Jerry" Diaz

**HOMETOWN:** New Braunfels, Texas. **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Osado, Milagro, Serrano, andalusians; Grano de Oro, Bandito, quarter horses; Catrin, appaloosa. **ACTS AND STUNTS:** horsemanship, rope artistry, charro performer. **JOINED PRCA:** 1984. **BIRTHDATE:** Nov. 7, 1960; **FAMILY:** wife, Staci Anderson-Diaz; son, Nicolas; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** horse trainer, instructor; private horse seminars; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** PRCA Specialty Act of the Year, 1998; director and producer of Mexican rodeo extravaganzas in Denver and Fort Worth, Texas; producer and director of An Evening of Dancing Horses with live orchestra in Denver; director of National Western Stock Show and Rodeo (Denver); lifetime member of San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo; first charro to perform at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta (1996); inducted into the Cowboys of Color Museum and Texas Trail of Fame; performed in many television commercials and several films.

## Jozell Ellerman

**HOMETOWN:** Lakeview, Calif.; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick and fancy riding, pyramid act; **JOINED PRCA:** 1985; **BIRTHDATE:** June 7, 1968; **FAMILY:** husband, Omi; son, Keenan; daughter, Gabriella; **COLLEGE:** Fresno (Calif.) State University, Fashion Institute of Modern Design (San Francisco); **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** music.

## T.C. Evans & the Li'l Sweethearts of the Rodeo

### T.C. Evans

**HOMETOWN:** Lostine, Ore.; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** canine hoopsters, canine chuckwagon races; **JOINED PRCA:** 1990; **BIRTHDATE:** Sept. 24, 1964; **COLLEGE:** Boise (Idaho) State University, bachelor's degree in history education; Blue Mountain Community College (Pendleton, Ore.), certified intermediate emergency medical technician. **FAMILY:** wife, Teah; sons, Trace, Tegan; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** emergency medical technician; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** animal training, guitar; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Columbia River Circuit contract act and barrelman, 1995, 1999; featured in Western Horseman magazine, May 1995.

## Jeff Fehr

**HOMETOWN:** Draper, Utah. **BIRTHDATE:** Aug. 6, 1976. **PRCA MEMBERSHIP:** 2005.

## Texas Jack's Wild West Entertainment

### Jack Fulbright

**HOMETOWN:** Sarasota, Fla.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Houston, Australian shepherd dog. **ACTS AND STUNTS:** master trick roper, bullwhips. **JOINED PRCA:** 1999; **BIRTHDATE:** Aug. 24, 1968; **FAMILY:** single; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** stage and screen; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** fishing, hunting; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Performed act on Nickelodeon cable television channel and Walt Disney World Entertainment Universal Studios.

## Tomas Garcilazo with "La Charrería"

### Tomas Garcilazo

**HOMETOWN:** Fontana, Calif.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** horses, Pinto Bean, Overo, Tator, Nick; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** Mexican trick roping artist, reining, "Pass of the Dead" stunt; **JOINED PRCA:** 1998; **BIRTHDATE:** Dec. 21, 1966; **FAMILY:** wife, Bertha; daughter, Nancy; son, Tomas. **OTHER OCCUPATION:** horse trainer; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** show business productions; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** PRCA Dress Act of the Year, 2007; Wrangler NFR opening act and specialty act, 1997-2001, 2003-05; invited to the White House to perform with the Broadway Musical Will Rogers Follies, worked with Linda Ronstandt, Keith Carradine and Mac Davis; Charro all around of seven events, National Mexican Rodeo championship; perform acts around the world.

## Specialty Acts (continued)

### Rodney Gaston

**HOMETOWN:** Hockley, Texas; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** car act, mule; **JOINED PRCA:** 1993; **BIRTHDATE:** Sept. 17, 1965, in Rosenberg, Texas; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** animal trainer; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** rodeo; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Nominated for Clown of the Year, 2001; Texas Circuit Finals Rodeo barrelman, 2001; Cowboys Professional Rodeo Association Finals bullfighter/barrelman, 1992-93.

### Blake Goode

**HOMETOWN:** Ravenna, Texas; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Geromino and Apache brahmas; Flying Aces; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** Roman riding. **JOINED PRCA:** 1998. **BIRTHDATE:** July 31, 1974.

### Texas Thunder Jason Paul Goodman

**HOMETOWN:** Mount Pleasant, Texas. **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Ross, Dan, Mark, Moose, Max, Captain, Shrek, Chad, Percheron draft horses. **ACTS AND STUNTS:** driving exhibition with a six-horse hitch, roman riding with four and six draft horses. **BIRTHDATE:** March 7, 1973, in Sheridan, Wyo. **FAMILY:** wife, Rose. **OTHER OCCUPATION:** farrier, truck and hitch driver. **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** hunting, fishing. **JOINED PRCA:** 2006. **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Wrangler NFR specialty act, 2006; Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Championship (Dallas) specialty act, 2006; Wrangler ProRodeo Tour Summer Finale (Omaha, Neb.) specialty act, 2006; National Western Rodeo (Denver) specialty act, 2004-06; Reno (Nev.) Rodeo specialty act, 2006; performed at World Quarter Horse Congress, 2003-05.

### The Gratnys Rich, Annette and Cody Gratny

**HOMETOWN:** Arthur City, Texas; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Blaze, Wildfire, Dazzle, Mandy and Pappy, paint horses; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** fancy and trick roping, fancy horse catches and trick riding; **JOINED PRCA:** 1989; **BIRTHDATE:** Rich, June 17, 1952; Annette, Aug. 26, 1953; Cody, May 10, 1982; **COLLEGE:** Rich & Annette, Kansas State University (Manhattan); Cody, Bethany (Kan.) College; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** ranching; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** rodeo, Bible camps, family, cattle; **FAMILY MEMBERS IN RODEO:** children, Dusty, Cody and Trisa; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** World record holder for largest hoop spun on ground; appeared on the Leeza Show in 1997.

### Lecile Harris

**HOMETOWN:** Collierville, Tenn.; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** piano act, baseball act, camera act, Wrangler Roadster, Bobo the Funky Monkey, robot act, Mr. Whiggins, magic act, The Shootout, whip act, killer bee, Fistalow, Sketeer, ambulance act. **BIRTHDATE:** Nov. 6, 1936; **COLLEGE:** University of Tennessee-Martin, animal husbandry; **JOINED THE PRCA:** 1982; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** sing company; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** golf; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** ProRodeo Hall of Fame inductee, 2007; PRCA Clown of the Year, 1992, 1994-96; seven years on Hee Haw TV program; bullfighter for U.S. rodeo team touring Africa; DNCFR, 1991, 1997; Great Lakes Circuit Finals, Southeastern Circuit Finals, five times; Canadian Finals, five times; Colorado State Fair (Pueblo), 1994-2005; Calgary Stampede, 1994-2002; Collierville Sports Hall of Fame. **WEBSITE:** www.lecile.com.

### Matt Harris

**HOMETOWN:** Collierville, Tenn.; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** robot act, monkey act, opera singer act, ballerina act, violin act, baseball act. **BIRTHDATE:** Dec. 20, 1958. **FAMILY:** wife, Joy; son, Justin; daughter, Indie. **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** antique cars and spending time with family. **PRCA MEMBERSHIP:** 1993. **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Great Lakes Circuit Finals Rodeo barrelman; Southeastern Circuit Finals Rodeo barrelman.

### John Harrison Specialty Acts John Harrison

**HOMETOWN:** Soper, Okla.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Gus, Mouse, paint horses; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** comedy trick riding, Miss Rodeo Universe and trick roping; **JOINED PRCA:** 1999; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** rancher and entrepreneur; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** hunting and producing events; **BIRTHDATE:** Oct. 12, 1978; **COLLEGE:** Colby (Kan.) Community College, Southeastern Oklahoma State University (Durant), bachelor's degree in ag-business; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** ranching, entrepreneur; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** hunting, roping; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Wrangler NFR opening act, 2001-02; PRCA Specialty Act (dress and comedy) of the Year nominee, 2004-05.

### Texas Kid Productions Rodney Hayes

**HOMETOWN:** Linden, Texas; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Brazilian Gir bull; Peanut, Hot Cocho, Lete, ponies; two oxen; Blonde, Thunder, trick horses; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** acts with pyrotechnics, truck and trailer show with kids. **JOINED PRCA:** 2003; **BIRTHDATE:** Oct. 2, 1965; **COLLEGE:** Southern Arkansas University (Magnolia); **FAMILY:** single; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** training animals, helping kids. **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Wrangler NFR specialty act, 2006; Southeastern Circuit Specialty Act of the Year, 2005.

### Kevin Higley

**HOMETOWN:** Hooper, Utah; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** Hollywood Tex and John, Billy the Kid; **JOINED PRCA:** 1984; **BIRTHDATE:** Dec. 1, 1956; **FAMILY:** wife, Tammy; sons, Justin, Casey, Trevor, Colton; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** general contractor; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** family, raising bucking bulls, skiing, camping; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Wyoming State Fair Clown Classic, 1984; Wilderness Circuit Finals Rodeo bullfighter, 1985-90 and barrelman 1991, 1993-94, 1997; DNCFR barrelman, 1995, 1997; Columbia River Circuit Finals barrelman, 1996.

### Robbie Hodges

**HOMETOWN:** Cave Springs, Ga. **BIRTHDATE:** Jan. 11, 1968. **PRCA MEMBERSHIP:** 2004. **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Great Lakes Circuit Finals Rodeo barrelman and specialty act, 2006.

### Bryan Hope

**HOMETOWN:** Ninety Six, S.C.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Silas, Noah, dogs; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** Captain Coy of the L.A.P.D. and Evil Bo-evil, jumps tractor trailers with a motorcycle; **JOINED PRCA:** 1994; **BIRTHDATE:** Dec. 23, 1959; **COLLEGE:** Lander University (Greenwood, S.C.), bachelor's degree; Furman University (Greenville, S.C.); **FAMILY:** wife, Sheila; daughters, Bryana, Abbey and Ellie; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** owner, Pops Family Barbeque; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** Jesus, hunting and people; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Southeastern Circuit Finals Rodeo 1995, 1997-98, 2000; North Washington Fire Department Pro Rodeo (Washington, Pa.); Washington Parish Free Fair and Rodeo (Franklinton, La.), 1996-97; Navajo Nation 4th of July Rodeo, (Window Rock, Ariz.)

### Keith Isley

**HOMETOWN:** Goldston, N.C.; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** horse act, trick roping, various comedy routines; **JOINED PRCA:** 1994; **BIRTHDATE:** Oct. 9, 1957; **FAMILY:** wife, Melanie; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** team roping, fishing; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** PRCA Clown of the Year, 2006-07; PRCA Specialty Act of the Year, 1999-2000, 2001-02, 2006 (dress), 2001, 2004 (comedy); Wrangler NFR opening act, 1998, 2002; DNCFR, 1999-2000; First Frontier Circuit Finals Rodeo, 1998-99, 2001, 2004-05; Great Lakes Circuit Finals Rodeo, 2003; Southeastern Circuit Finals Rodeo, 1996.

## **Jeanie Jones Professional Rodeo Entertainment**

### **Jeanie Jones**

**HOMETOWN:** Pochahontas, Ark.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Minnie Mouse, Peanut, Aggie, Fastas, Scooter, Maggie, Snotty, Dixie, dogs; Rico, Poki, Tonto, horses; Red Cloud, Zebu bull; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick roping, trick riding, animal acts, bullwhip acts, sharpshooting; **JOINED PRCA:** 2002; **BIRTHDATE:** June 22, 1977; **COLLEGE:** Arkansas Tech University (Russellville); **FAMILY:** single; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** Wild West Show producer, trick horses, sales and marketing; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** golf, junior rodeo producer, trick roping, friends, family.

### **Team Karsen**

#### **Shane and Susie Karsen**

**HOMETOWN:** Kissimmee, Fla. **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Bo, Robin, Bobcat, Doc, paint horses. **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick riding, bull whip act, Roman team. **JOINED PRCA:** Shane, 1991, Suzie, 2005. **BIRTHDATE:** Shane, March 18, 1959, in Wyoming, Del.; Susie, Jan. 27, 1974, in Watertown, S.D. **FAMILY:** son, Kasey. **COLLEGE:** Susie, North Dakota State College of Science (Whapeton), certified occupational therapy assistant. **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** hunting, fishing, decorating arts and crafts, the Bible. **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Wrangler NFR specialty act, 2006; Southeastern Circuit Finals Rodeo specialty act, 2006.

### **Daredevil Sweethearts**

#### **Josey Lynn Kelley**

**HOMETOWN:** Redding, Calif.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Buck, Rebel, Bo, quarter horses; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick and fancy riders, opening ceremonies; **BIRTHDATE:** May 3, 1984; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** pharmacy clerk and student; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** goat tying instructor, interior design, advertising/marketing; **JOINED PRCA:** 1994; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Challenge of Champion barrel racing champion, 2002; CHSA Western Girl State of California, 2000; State of California Horsemaster Gym Khana Girl, 1999; NBHA division winner, 1998; youngest trick rider in PRCA; Red Bluff Junior Rodeo Queen, 1997.

### **Kiesner Family Wild West Revue**

#### **Phillip Kiesner**

**HOMETOWN:** Granbury, Texas; **JOINED PRCA:** 2004; **BIRTHDATE:** March 30, 1960; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Cash, Dolly, Wild, West, Cowboy and Indian, paints and quarter horses. **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick roping, gun spinning, cowboy mounted shooting and roman riding; **FAMILY:** wife, Julie, sons, Rider and Roper; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** team roping, adventuring and finding new stories to tell; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Clovis, Calif., Dodge City, Kan., Pendleton, Ore., Oakdale, Calif., Walla Walla, Wash. Phillip is a fourth-generation horse trainer who qualified for the Great Lakes Circuit Finals Rodeo. His wife, Julie, is a barrel racer.

### **Lil Bucks Rodeo & Co.**

#### **Donnie Landis**

**HOMETOWN:** Sonora, Calif.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** miniature bucking bulls; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** Mario the Flea, Wild Cantbeatatope, The Miniature One-Armed Bandit, Harvey the Rabbit, The Claimjumpers, Giant Mousetrap, Nashville Star, One Ton Truck, Super Mini-Chuck Duck Wagon Waces, Little Bo Peep, Reasonettes; **JOINED PRCA:** 1978; **BIRTHDATE:** June 7, 1960 in Los Angeles, Calif.; **FAMILY:** wife, Rabbecca; sons, Travis, Kyle, Tucker; daughter, Leslie; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** fishing, tennis, animal training; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** DNBCFR barrelman, 1995, 2002; Columbia River Circuit Finals Rodeo clown/bullfighter, 1988; Montana Circuit Finals Rodeo barrelman, 1995; Sierra Circuit Finals Rodeo bullfighter, 1978, barrelman, 1992 and clown, 1996; Calgary (Alberta) Stampede barrelman, 1995; Pendleton (Ore.) Round-Up barrelman, 1989-91, 1993; Reno (Nev.) Rodeo bullfighter, 1991 and barrelman, 1992-95; California High School Association Rodeo bullfighter and clown, 1976-77.

### **Red River Express Specialty Acts Windy Lattin**

**HOMETOWN:** Jones, Okla.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** palomino quarter horses; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick riding and roman riding; **JOINED PRCA:** 1992; **BIRTHDATE:** May 15, 1972; **FAMILY:** husband, Stacy; son, Trevor; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** embroidery business; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** training horses, sewing and playing with son; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Wrangler NFR specialty act, 2004; Salinas, Calif., 1996, Montgomery, Ala., 1992, Guthrie, Okla., 1995, 2004.

### **Alan D. "Butch" Lehmkuhler**

**HOMETOWN:** North Platte, Neb.; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** comedian and trampoline stunts; **JOINED PRCA:** 1977; **BIRTHDATE:** March 24, 1954; **COLLEGE:** Chadron (Neb.) State College, bachelor's degree in education and psychology; **FAMILY:** wife, Melanie; daughter, Bailey; son, Dean; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** teacher; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** sports, history, furniture building, woodworking; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** NFR, 1990; PRCA Clown of the Year 1989-91, 1993, 1997; Coors Man in the Can 1989, 1992; Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo, 1988; Columbia River Circuit Finals Rodeo, 1992-93; Montana Circuit Finals Rodeo, 1990, 1992; Great Lakes Circuit Finals Rodeo, 1986, 1988; Clown Classic champion, 1984.

### **Wild Thang Productions**

#### **Tim Leopard**

**HOMETOWN:** Pontatoc, Miss.; **BIRTHDATE:** Jan. 30, 1962; **FAMILY:** daughter, Lakelynn; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** roman riding and trick riding; **TYPES OF ANIMALS:** monkeys, dogs, sheep; **JOINED PRCA:** 2003; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** electrician; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** appearances on Jay Leno and Steve Harvey's Big Time, FHM magazine article.

### **The Wild Child**

#### **Troy Lerwill**

**HOMETOWN:** Payson, Utah; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** "The Wild Child" motorcycle act; **JOINED PRCA:** 1997; **BIRTHDATE:** Jan. 2, 1967; **FAMILY:** wife, Rebecca; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** owner of mountain bike store; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** mountain biking, driving his tractor; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Wrangler National Finals Rodeo barrelman, 2006-07; PRCA Comedy Act of the Year, 2002-03, 2005-07; Wrangler NFR opening act, 2001, 2003; Copenhagen Cup Finale (Las Vegas) specialty act, 2001; DNBCFR specialty act, 2001, 2003; Mountain Circuit Finals Rodeo barrelman, 2001.

### **John Lewis**

**HOMETOWN:** Littleton, Colo. **BIRTHDATE:** March 2, 1980. **JOINED PRCA:** 2003.

### **Tommy Lucia Review**

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**HOMETOWN:** Weatherford, Texas; **NFR:** opening act seven times; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Whiplash, Capuchin monkey; In His Glory II, black thoroughbred; Scottish dog; **JOINED PRCA:** 1966; **BIRTHDATE:** June 1, 1941; **FAMILY:** sons, T.J., Dominic, Josh, Anthony; daughters, Lonna, Poppy; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** dog and horse training; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** training animals; **FAMILY MEMBERS IN RODEO:** T.J. and Anthony Lucia; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** PRCA Dress Act of the Year, 2003-05; National Finals Rodeo clown, 1973; movies and commercials; Great Lakes Circuit Finals barrelman, 1995.

### **Cutting Edge Entertainment**

#### **Mike Matt**

**HOMETOWN:** Stuart, Okla.; **JOINED PRCA:** 1994; **BIRTHDATE:** Aug. 11, 1972; **COLLEGE:** Dickinson (N.D.) State University, Western Montana College (Dillon), bachelor's degree in biology and physical education; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** jump a convertible car while riding two Thoroughbred horses roman style; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Cheyenne Frontier Days, 2004-06; PRCA Bullfighter of the Year nominee, 2005-06; PRCA Specialty Act (dress) of the Year nominee, 2005; Wrangler NFR

## Specialty Acts (continued)

opening, specialty act, 2004; Wrangler World Champion Bullfighter, 1996-97, 2000; Wrangler Bullfight Tour Finals, 1995-98, 2000; Copenhagen Cup Finale (Las Vegas) bullfighter, 2000; DNCFR bullfighter 1996; Canadian National Finals, bullfighter, 1996; Montana Circuit Finals Rodeo bullfight qualifier; Indian National Finals bullfighter, 1994-95; George Strait/Wrangler commercial, 1995; Mountain States Circuit Finals bullfighter, 1995; All-Frontier Conference defensive back, 1992-93.

### Gizmo's Comedy Show

#### Gizmo McCracken

**HOMETOWN:** Wheaton, Mo.; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** Dr. Giz Ambulance, Gizmo's Sirinkin Machine, Bowler's Nightmare, The Miracle Golfer, Ostrich Jockey, Guitarman, Mustang Sally and Barrelman; **JOINED PRCA:** 1992; **BIRTHDATE:** Dec. 29, 1961; **FAMILY:** wife, Janice; daughters, Mandy and Cassie; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** convenience store owner; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** gospel music, comedy, golf; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** DNCFR specialty act, 2006; Wrangler NFR specialty act, 2005; Prairie Circuit Finals Rodeo, 1998, 2005; Great Lakes Circuit Finals, 1994, 1996, 2000-01; Badlands Circuit Finals, 1997-03; Southeastern Circuit Finals, 2004; ACRA Clown of the Year, five times, Cheyenne Frontier Days 2001-02, PRCA Comedy Act of the Year Nominee 2002-05.

### Buffalo Breath

#### Dan McIntosh

**HOMETOWN:** Oak Hill, Kan.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Baxter Black, Bay, Gus, quarter horses; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** Buffalo Breath Wild West Wagon act; OSHA Roman riding; **JOINED PRCA:** 2000; **BIRTHDATE:** April 7, 1956; **COLLEGE:** Cloud County Community College (Concordia, Kan.); **FAMILY:** wife, Nancy; daughter, Amanda; son, Luke; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** rancher, horse trainer, fence builder; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** family, sports, training colts. **ACHIEVEMENTS:** selected to work such rodeos as California Rodeo Salinas; Dodge City (Kan.) Roundup Rodeo and World's Oldest Rodeo (Prescott, Ariz.).

### Cliff McLaughlin

**HOMETOWN:** Moorpark, Calif.; **JOINED PRCA:** 1976; **BIRTHDATE:** Aug. 21, 1959.

### Gene McLaughlin

**HOMETOWN:** Simi Valley, Calif.; **JOINED PRCA:** prior to 1976; **BIRTHDATE:** Sept. 25, 1929.

### The Rhinestone Roper Show

#### Daniel Mink

**HOMETOWN:** Jerome, Idaho; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Lucky Joe, trick horse. **ACTS AND STUNTS:** fancy trick roping, bull whip cracking and target cutting, gun spinning, fast draw, mounted shooting, wheel of death knife throwing, trick horse comedy routine. **BIRTHDATE:** Aug. 30, 1958; **JOINED PRCA:** 2005. **FAMILY:** wife, Kimberly; son, Cody. **ACHIEVEMENTS:** world champion gun handling showmanship award, 2005; world champion gun spinner, 2007; performed at 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City; inducted into International Knife Thrower's Hall of Fame; made TV appearances on *30 Seconds to Fame*, *Ripley's Believe it or Not!* and *Wife Swap*; his wife, Kimberly, is a seven-time world champion for woman's big loop, 2001-07 and is a Guinness World Record holder; their son, Cody, is a world champion skip racer (2005-06) and is a two-time Rising Star Award Winner, given by the Will Rogers family.

### Charro 'El Marino'

#### Juan Montano

**HOMETOWN:** Chula Vista, Calif. **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick roping, Mexican and American roping. **JOINED PRCA:** 1980. **BIRTHDATE:** June 27, 1926. **FAMILY:** wife, Alicia; sons, Jose, Juan, Fernando, Ricardo, Roberto, Antonio. **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Mexican charro who worked acts in Mexico, United States, Japan, China and the Philippines.

### Niki Moran

**HOMETOWN:** Rockyford, Alberta; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Willy, Chance, Gunner, trick riding horses; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick riding; **JOINED PRCA:** 2001; **BIRTHDATE:** April 20, 1980; **FAMILY:** husband, Shane Moran (PRCA saddle bronc rider); **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** training horses, sports; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Calgary Stampede specialty act, seven times; Wrangler NFR opening act, 2001, 2007.

### Starvin' Marvin Nash

#### Marvin Nash

**HOMETOWN:** Cheyenne, Wyo.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Ringo, goat; Rebel, Little Dog, Dually, dogs; **JOINED PRCA:** 1979; **BIRTHDATE:** March 11, 1955; **FAMILY:** wife, Darlene; sons, Skeeter, Rocky, Cody; daughter, Amy; **COLLEGE:** Texas A&M-Kingsville; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** partner in educational program; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** children's education; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** rolled clown barrel from Ocala, Fla., to Cody, Wyo., 2000-01; featured on the front page of *Scholastic News* in 2006; founder of Bullying Hurts program.

### Flying Arena Stars

#### Melissa Navarre

**HOMETOWN:** Weatherford, Okla. **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Charlie Brown, quarter horse; Concho, palomino horse; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick riding; **BIRTHDATE:** April 22, 1977; **FAMILY:** husband, Corey; daughter, Shyla; **COLLEGE:** Tarleton State University (Stephenville, Texas); Southwestern Oklahoma State University (Weatherford), bachelor's degree in secondary education; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** high school math teacher, basketball coach; **FAMILY MEMBERS IN RODEO:** parents, Rusty and Dollie Riddle; aunt, Vickie Shireman (secretary); uncle Bennie Beutler (stock contractor); cousin Jennie Murray (timer); brother, Caine Riddle (bareback rider). **JOINED PRCA:** 1996; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Wrangler NFR opening act, 2001; PRCA Specialty Act (dress) of the Year nominee, 2002-03, 2005; Calgary Stampede 2002, Greeley, Colo., 2002, Prescott, Ariz., 2005, Tucson, Ariz., 2005.

### Olson Family

#### Jerry Wayne Olson

**HOMETOWN:** Auburn, Neb.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Justin Boots, liberty horse; Bucko the Buckeroo, miniature horse; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** miniature trick horse, Liberty horse act, trick roping, comedy; **JOINED PRCA:** 1974; **BIRTHDATE:** Oct. 2, 1955; **COLLEGE:** Black Hills (S.D.) State University; **FAMILY:** wife, Judy; sons, Michael, Jay W.; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** rancher; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** training horses, golf; **FAMILY MEMBERS IN RODEO:** son Jay W., brother Lonnie; father, Jerry L. Olson (retired); **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Specialty Act of the Year, 1988.

### Flying Arena Stars Trick Riding

#### Lori Jo Orman

**HOMETOWN:** Blakesburg, Iowa; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Joker, paint horse; Junior and Jack, quarter horses; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick and fancy riding; **JOINED PRCA:** 1990; **COLLEGE:** Iowa State University (Ames), bachelor's degree in home economics education; **FAMILY:** husband, Mike; daughter, Dally; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** own and operate Western retail store; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** costume design, sewing; **FAMILY MEMBERS IN RODEO:** husband, Mike; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** performed in Presidential Inaugural Parade, 1992; National Finals Rodeo openings, 1992, 1994, 1998; Women's National Finals; Belmont Horse Fair and Stakes Race, 1990.

### Big Apple Cowboys

#### Helen Panzella

**HOMETOWN:** New York/Kissimmee, Fla. **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** San Spoteye, American registered paint horse. **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick roping and rope spinning horse. **JOINED PRCA:** 1955. **COLLEGE:** Bronx (N.Y.) Community College, associate's degree. **FAMILY:** husband,

Nick. **OTHER OCCUPATION:** registered nurse. **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** teaching, trick riding, writing, swimming. **FAMILY MEMBERS IN RODEO:** Nick Panzella. **ACHIEVEMENTS:** former trick rider, first and only woman trick rider from New York City in PRCA; trick roped in Madison Square Garden, 1969-70.

### **One Arm Bandit & Co. John, Amanda and Lynn Payne**

**HOMETOWN:** Shidler, Okla.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** two buffalo, horses, dogs; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** rounding up wild buffalo, horses and longhorns on top of trailer; **JOINED PRCA:** 1988; **BIRTHDATE:** April 19, 1953; **FAMILY:** wife, Judy; son, Lynn; daughter, Amanda; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** rancher, hunter; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** playing poker, ranch work, hunting wild cattle; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** NFR, 1994-95; DNCFR act twice, Calgary, Houston, Reno, Fort Worth, Denver, won PRCA Act of the Year eight consecutive years; Amanda and John were selected to entertain at the DNCFR in 2003 and 2006, respectively.

### **Melissa Pfaff**

**HOMETOWN:** Broomfield, Colo.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Hat Trick, show horse; Roy, mutt; Cinco, Cody-Morgan, Chance, horses; Rino, mustang; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick riding, Roman riding, bull whips, liberty riding; **JOINED PRCA:** 2003; **BIRTHDATE:** April 12, 1981; **COLLEGE:** Metropolitan State College (Denver), degree in biology (certified as secondary education teacher); **OTHER OCCUPATION:** teacher; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** horse showing, giving riding lessons, snowboarding.

### **J.D. Platt's K-9 Kings Entertainment**

#### **James Platt**

**HOMETOWN:** Bend, Ore.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Galaxy, border collie mix; Newbery, Australian mix; Riverhawk, Skyliner, American Indian dogs; Holiday, border collie; Olympia, whipper; Javelin, Aussie; Peekaboo, blue heeler. **ACTS AND STUNTS:** Superdog, Superman, Breakdance Billy, multiple K-9 routine featuring world-class Frisbee dogs. **JOINED PRCA:** 2005; **BIRTHDATE:** April 1, 1970; **FAMILY:** wife, Marianne, step-daughter, Kelsey, son, Parker; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** professional disc golfer, snowboarding and mountain biking.

### **Leann Pollock Trick Riding**

#### **Leann Pollock**

**HOMETOWN:** Delisle, Saskatchewan; **BIRTHDATE:** March 19, 1969; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Charlie, Doc, Tom, quarter horses; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick riding; **JOINED PRCA:** 2004; **BIRTHDATE:** March 19, 1969; **FAMILY:** single; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** horse trainer; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Calgary Stampede, 1990-2003.

### **The Lone Indian Chief Willard Powell**

**HOMETOWN:** Bonifay, Fla.; **NFR:** 1999, 2002; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** paint horses, Ghost Dancer and Lakota; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** Roman riding, trick horse and trick riding; **JOINED PRCA:** 1984; **BIRTHDATE:** Oct. 30, 1943; **FAMILY:** wife, Bonnie; son, Christopher; **COLLEGE:** Chipola Junior College (Marianna, Fla.); **OTHER OCCUPATION:** freelance floral designer; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** play piano for Southern gospel group; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Southeastern Circuit Finals 1995, 1997, awarded jacket and buckle at the Wrangler NFR 2002.

### **Pony Baroni & The Silver Lady Duane Reichert**

**HOMETOWN:** New Underwood, S.D. **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Pony Baroni, grey gelding; W.W. Foxie Fanny, Yorkshire terrier; B.J., pygmy goat; Silver Lady, white dancing horse. **ACTS AND STUNTS:** horse walks on hind legs, comedy and ambulance act; **JOINED PRCA:** 1968; **BIRTHDATE:** June 4, 1941; **COLLEGE:** Black Hills State University (Spearfish, S.D.), bachelor's degree in elementary education; **FAMILY:** wife,

Claudette; son, Chris; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** entertainer, rancher; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** youth work, travel; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Ben Kobzo Award, 2000 (outstanding service in Badlands Circuit); DNCFR barrelman, 1994 (alternate, 1992-93); Badlands Circuit Finals specialty act, 1999; NFR opening specialty act, 1999, 2001; Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo barrelman, nine times, one-time bullfighter; First Frontier Circuit Finals specialty act and barrelman, 1996-97; South Dakota Hall of Fame, 1991; Great Lakes Circuit Finals Rodeo barrelman, 1990; third place Coors-Man-in-the-Can, 1987, 1989; Contract Personnel Executive Council and Competition Rules Committee member; Wrangler NFR Commission, 2005-current; screen credits: Backstage with a Rodeo Clown, *The Great American Cowboy*, an Oscar winning documentary and *All That Glitters Is Not Gold*, a Dan Seals Country Music video. **WEBSITE:** www.gwvc.net/~pbaroni

### **Entertainment to the Max Max Reynolds**

**HOMETOWN:** Lexington, Neb. **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Dakota, Pecos, Concho, Rio, Jazz, Domingo, white and paint horses; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** Roman riding, trick roping, bull whips, gun spinning, sharpshooting; **JOINED PRCA:** 1976; **BIRTHDATE:** Aug. 9, 1952; **COLLEGE:** Colorado State University (Fort Collins), bachelor's degree in animal science; **FAMILY:** wife, Cathy; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** horse training; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** horses and performing in wild West shows and rodeos; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** NFR opening act, 1991, 1993, 1998-2000; DNCFR 1990, Denver National Western Stock Show and Rodeo 1996-2007, three-time Specialty Act of the Year nominee, performed in several countries, stunt double as Buffalo Bill in movie *Buffalo Girls*.

### **Extreme Equestration Tracy Ross**

**HOMETOWN:** Knoxville, Tenn.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Tucson, Phoenix, Doc, Houston, Tobiano paint horses; Bandit, Pepper, appaloosas; Eight Ball, mini; Cheyenne, Australian shepherd; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick and Roman riding; **JOINED PRCA:** 2003; **BIRTHDATE:** April 8, 1969; **FAMILY:** single; **COLLEGE:** University of Tennessee (Knoxville); **OTHER OCCUPATION:** owner of farm company; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** training horses, working with special needs children. **ACHIEVEMENTS:** won gold medal at 116th National Horse Show at New York's Madison Square Garden.

### **Gary Sandstead**

**HOMETOWN:** Platteville, Colo.; **BIRTHDATE:** April 15, 1952. **JOINED PRCA:** 2007.

### **Trick Horse Man Productions Neal Schmidt**

**HOMETOWN:** Crawford, Okla.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Bales and Jim, Liberty horses; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** Roman riding, trick roping, concerts; **JOINED PRCA:** 1970; **BIRTHDATE:** Jan. 19, 1950; **COLLEGE:** Southwestern Oklahoma State University (Weatherford); Northwestern Oklahoma State University (Alva); **FAMILY:** son, Sterling; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** entertainer, rancher; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** singing, music career; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** recorded one album and two CDs.

### **Linda Scholtz**

**HOMETOWN:** Pueblo, Colo.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** horse, Cowboy; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick rider; **JOINED PRCA:** 1980; **BIRTHDATE:** May 29, 1955; **FAMILY:** husband, Paul (PRCA cowboy preacher); son, Paul Robert (P.R.); **COLLEGE:** Central Bible College, associate of arts in childhood education.

### **Rodeo Organist Rhonda Sedgwick Stearns**

**HOMETOWN:** Newcastle, Wyo. **ACTS AND STUNTS:** rodeo organist. **JOINED PRCA:** 1976. **BIRTHDATE:** Oct. 20, 1945. **FAMILY:** husband, Bill; daughter, Shelly; son, Cody. **OTHER OCCUPATION:** rancher, writer, announcer. **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** hunting, training horses and dogs; sharing the

## Specialty Acts (continued)

Gospel. **ACHIEVEMENT:** youngest inductee into National Cowgirl Hall of Fame, 1977; Miss Rodeo Wyoming and horsemanship winner, 1963; Wyoming barrel racing champion, 1964-65; played the organ and numerous rodeos.

### Wolfey

#### Clint Selvester

**HOMETOWN:** Red Bluff, Calif.; **JOINED PRCA:** 1998; **BIRTHDATE:** Oct. 6, 1979; **FAMILY:** single; **COLLEGE:** Shasta (Calif.) College, Platt College (San Diego), associate's degree in multimedia design; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** freelance designer; **OTHER INTERESTS:** hunting, fishing, snowboarding, computers.

### Sinclair Chuckwagons

#### Norman L. Sinclair

**HOMETOWN:** Carrot River, Saskatchewan; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** eight horses, two teams of various colors. **ACTS AND STUNTS:** chuckwagon racing in which one wagon loses its back wheels; **JOINED PRCA:** 1996; **BIRTHDATE:** Feb. 3, 1966; **FAMILY:** wife, Rachel; son, Levi. **OTHER OCCUPATION:** farming, ranching; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** sports, raising horses; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** DNCFR specialty act, 1999; provided wagon outfits and Roman chariot outfits at Cheyenne (Wyo.) Frontier Days, 1999-2000; followed most of the Flying U Rodeo trail in 2003 to places such as Lehi, Utah; Colorado Springs, Colo.; and St. Paul, Ore.

### Scooter

#### Mike Smith

**HOMETOWN:** Silsbee, Texas; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Chilie, llama; Oz, miniature bull; Cody, stump dogs; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** six-horse Liberty act, Cisco trick horses act; Western TV act; Happy Birthday dog act; llama act, car act, Bad to the Bone Hat Cleaning Salesman; **JOINED PRCA:** 2003; **FAMILY:** wife, Amy; son, Bonner; **COLLEGE:** Arkansas Tech University (Conway); **OTHER OCCUPATION:** construction, heavy equipment operator; **OTHER INTERESTS:** hunting, golf.

### Mark Swingler

**HOMETOWN:** Austin, Texas; **JOINED PRCA:** 1993; **BIRTHDATE:** July 22, 1966; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** escaped prisoner car act, Original Moonwalk, UPS delivery, YMCA; **COLLEGE:** Southwest Texas State University (San Marcos), bachelor's degree in marketing; **FAMILY:** wife, Tami; daughter, Jessica; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** golf, family, landscaping; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Elected to PRCA Board of Directors as contract personnel director, 2007-present; DNCFR barrelman, 2001; Copenhagen Cup Finale (Las Vegas), 2001; Montana Circuit Finals Rodeo barrelman, 2001; First Frontier Circuit Finals Rodeo barrelman, 2000; Texas Circuit contract act of the year, 1996-97, barrelman/specialty act, 1999; Turquoise Circuit finals barrelman, 1996.

### The Thorntons

#### Jerry and Janelle Thornton

**HOMETOWN:** Holladay, Tenn.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Rusty, Raz, Pete, Tiger, Cupid, Drummer, Luchador,

quarter horses. **ACTS AND STUNTS:** Roman riding, trick riding, high schooled horses. **JOINED PRCA:** Jerry, 1983; Janelle, 2006; **BIRTHDATE:** Jerry, April 14, 1949; Janelle, Feb. 21, 1974. **ACHIEVEMENTS:** performed trick riding act at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Command Performance, 1983; performed at the Madison Square Garden Rodeo in 1983.

### Pro Tour FMX

#### Dennis Umphres

**HOMETOWN:** Tucson, Ariz.; **BIRTHDATE:** Nov. 23, 1980; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** freestyle motocross, jumps and stunts; **JOINED PRCA:** 2004

### Walton Specialty Acts

#### Penny Walton

**HOMETOWN:** Collinsville, Texas; **NFR:** 2001; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Muchacho, and Stormy, paint horses; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick riding; **JOINED PRCA:** 1994; **BIRTHDATE:** March 19, 1969; **COLLEGE:** Maple Woods Community College (Kansas City, Mo.); **FAMILY:** husband, Scott (works for U.S. Smokeless Tobacco); son, Cutter; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** rodeo timer, secretary; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** collecting smashed pennies from the places she travels to and jewelry making; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Miss Rodeo Missouri, 1991, American Royal 2001, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2002.

### Greg Whitaker

**HOMETOWN:** Northglenn, Colo.; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Rosie, Shaman, horses. **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick riding. **JOINED PRCA:** 1997. **BIRTHDATE:** March 19, 1975. **COLLEGE:** Metropolitan State College of Denver. **FAMILY:** single. **OTHER OCCUPATION:** bartender. **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** art.

### Trick Rider and Buffalo Act

#### Bree Worthington

**HOMETOWN:** Weatherford, Texas; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Red Cloud, Warbonnet, horses; Miko, buffalo; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick and fancy riding, buffalo act; **JOINED PRCA:** 1997; **BIRTHDATE:** Aug. 20, 1978; **COLLEGE:** Tarleton State University (Stephenville, Texas); **FAMILY:** husband, Nathan; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** skiing, outdoor activities; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Ambassador for American Paint Horse Association; recognized by the Texas Senate; nominated for National Cowgirl Hall of Fame; featured in David Stoecklein's 1999 Cowgirls book; featured in Coca-Cola and Fruit Roll-ups commercials.

### Francisco Zamora

**HOMETOWN:** West Jordan, Utah; **NAMES AND TYPES OF ANIMALS:** Napoleon, Lambert, Alaska, Domingo, horses; **ACTS AND STUNTS:** trick roping, dancing horses; **JOINED PRCA:** 1967; **BIRTHDATE:** Dec. 4, 1943; **FAMILY:** wife, Karen; daughter, Melina; son, Antonio; **OTHER OCCUPATION:** horse trainer; **SPECIAL INTERESTS:** horses; **ACHIEVEMENTS:** Calgary (Alberta) Stampede "exhibit"; California Rodeo Salinas trophy for achievements.