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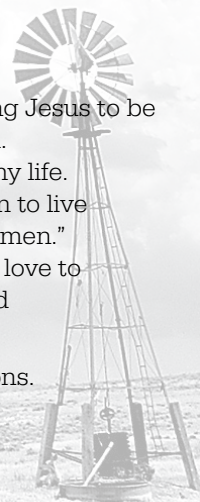
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# LIFE, FAITH & RIDING

BY KATELYNN KLASSEN

Some of my earliest memories are of going down the road to Fellowship of Christian Cowboys cowboy churches with my parents Terry and Donna Baker, where mom would sing and dad would speak. As I got older I did some singing along with mom, and when we switched to the computer for her songs, that became my job as dad was never really good with that kinda of stuff... apparently he still struggles with it.

Going to rodeos for cowboy churches reinforced my own desire to rodeo. At the age of eight, I started with the Heartland Rodeo Association as a Pee Wee barrel racer and competed into the fall of grade seven, moving up the ranks as a junior competitor. Also in that fall, the Manitoba High School Rodeo Association had introduced a Wrangler Division for grades six to eight. I was excited to join and try my hand at some pole bending and goat tying. High School Rodeo became my main focus, and throughout those six years I added breakaway roping and team roping to my repertoire. Pole bending and breakaway roping ended up being my favorite events. I still participated in some Heartland rodeos, making for many trips for dad, hauling me up and down the road.

Through all those years of rodeo, I got lots of horsemanship and roping practice in around the ranch, where we would treat cattle off the back of a horse. Dad and I would also head up to a PRFA pasture spending a day or two at a time, roping cattle and doing ground work to treat different illnesses. I can remember spending many, many hours in the arena practicing pole bending barrels and roping. There were lots of times, when things were not going well and I was frustrated and really wanted to give up. I was always reminded of one of my favorite verses "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13, and that would encourage me to keep pushing through, "cowboy up" and get it done.

Dad was also a great supporter in my rodeo days, he spent countless hours with me in the arena pointing out things that I could improve on and many hours in the truck heading down the road.



We had many conversations about life and lessons that I had already learned on these road trips and some of these trips were very long!! God also gave me the opportunity to realize another dream of mine and that was to become "Miss Manitoba High School Rodeo". This really brought me out of my shell as I was to be a spokesperson for MHSRA and had to interact with people I did not know. The first responsibility I had was to represent Manitoba at the National High School Finals in Farmington, New Mexico, competing for Miss National High School Rodeo. This sure increased the workload for mom and dad and myself as we prepared to go down south for ten days of competition. I had also qualified to compete in pole bending and breakaway roping.....things were going to be busy!!! It was an awesome experience, one that made me a stronger, more confident person who now knew the value of hard work. A couple of years later, we headed down to the Nationals in Gillette, Wyoming, where I had the opportunity to compete in pole bending and breakaway roping. During all those years of rodeo I was never hurt, other than a sprained ankle (I wasn't even on or around a horse) and I am very thankful for the safety my horses and I experienced. I know a lot of that had to do with the prayers that dad was always praying.

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# LIFE, FAITH & RIDING

BY KATELYNN KLASSEN



During my high school years I was really busy between school and my rodeo. I guess you could say I was a high achiever and wanted to do well both academically in school and on the rodeo grounds. If it weren't for my strong foundation in the Lord, I am not sure how well it all would have worked out with all the stresses that a busy life can bring and while trying to figure out who I was. I know that the Lord was there with me through all of the ups and downs, and as I remained faithful to Him, He did bless me in many awesome ways!!! In 2010, I graduated high school and while that was an exciting day it was also bittersweet, as I was leaving what I knew and my high school rodeo career.

I applied for the Medical Radiology Technologist (X-ray) course which was offered about two to three hours away from home. I was accepted but with a 2-3 year wait. So I went ahead and did my 1st year of prerequisites at a university about an hour away from home. I was still close enough to come home fairly often to see my family and to ride, or for my family to come see me, which helped me stay grounded while I was out figuring out how to live not under my parent's house and away from their rules. That summer I had the opportunity to go to Winkler Bible Camp and lead the horse program for the spring and summer months with the possibility to stay on longer as I was waiting to get into the X-ray course. While I was there, I received news that I had been awarded one of the scholarships for the course and would be enrolled that fall. WOW, what a blessings that was, not only was I getting most of the course paid for, but it took a year or two off the waiting list. "GOD is faithful"!! I met a lot of great people at camp, many of which I am still close friends with. I also met a very special Godly man there.... one that dad approved of and we starting dating. I continued on with my post-secondary education and many times had to rely on God to get me through the stressful times of exams and assignments, and being away from my family and my horse. In 2013, I wrote my National exam and could start calling myself a Medical Radiological Technologist. Also in the fall of 2013 Jordan and I got married on my parent's ranch, where of course we had a few horses involved. Since that time we have lived in a few places following job opportunities for me. Most recently they have brought me back to the area I grew up in, which I am very thankful for.

The Lord has always been with me in every step I have taken and in every new stage in my life. From the little girl that followed mom and dad to cowboy churches, to the rodeo competitor, a high school rodeo queen, a wife and now becoming a mom. In this next adventure Jordan and I have the great opportunity and responsibility of raising this child to have the same sturdy foundation that we had growing up, to love the Lord and to know without a doubt His everlasting peace and presence.

Katelynn Klassen



Terry Leslie and Sharon Hanson (Schuk) cowgirl of the year 2007 Canadian Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.



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# REPORT

FROM JOHN FITZHERBERT

Hi Folks.

Seems like to me that time has sped up. I find it hard to believe that summer is gone and fall is upon us. Combines and swathers are running everywhere. Around High River the crops are very good on average, some people had mediocre hay crops while others had a bumper crop of bales. It was because of spotty rain fall. Some got lots others got little. As I traveled around this summer I could see a lot of people where not blessed with rainfall at the right time. We went to a wedding in Saskatchewan and I thought the crops looked pretty good. I said this to a farmer and his reply was, "Don't walk out in it you will be disappointed." Rains have come since then but too late to help the crops although it sure has helped the pastures and makes everything look so much better.

Somebody built a new seniors in High River called Sunrise Village. I think it holds about two-hundred people. Every Sunday they have a local church or group come in and put on a service for whoever wants to come. They asked the Christian Cowboys if we would be able to come on the fourth Sunday of every month so that is what we did. It started very slow with only ten or twelve people coming to our service, but it is picking up, sometimes twenty come now. I have not been able to be there every time this summer due to being at a rodeo somewhere, but thank the Lord for other people who have filled in wonderfully.

About thirty years ago I held Cowboy Church in the village of Longview which is about four miles from my place, when they held their sports day that later on turned into a rodeo. I did it for a few years, then the local church took it over so I was not there for many years. This year the committee that runs the show asked if I would be able to do it again. It turned I had no other rodeo to go to that Sunday so I got a group together and we had Cowboy Church in Longview once again. There was only one person there who might have been at the first one, but I could no remember and neither could she. Sure was good to be back to all the familiar surroundings, my only regret was I don't think anyone got saved that morning.

It has been a busy summer going to the different places where the rodeos are, we can praise the Lord

we didn't get rained out anywhere, but they sure had sloppy arenas in a few places but no rain on Sunday morning !!!

I knew a young man who was put on skates almost as soon as he could walk. His parents wanted him to be a professional hockey player. They didn't pay much attention to his schooling because they always had him at a hockey school or camp. They traveled thousands of miles to games and practices trying to make him a star player. He finally got old enough to play junior hockey for a team in the Western Hockey League. He played on a team that was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs. After that he was let go by that team and no other team picked him up. I don't know if he did not have the talent, the skills, the size or perhaps the desire to go further in a hockey career. He now works in the oil patch. What a disappointment this is for the parents with such high hopes for their son. I can identify with these people when I look at our children. I have traveled thousands of miles, worn out a bunch of vehicles going to sing and preach the gospel while our own children were not serving the Lord. The devil has used this on me many times "How can you preach the gospel when your own family is not saved." We continued to pray for them believing by faith they would come to the Lord. This year we lead three grandchildren, a grandson in-law to be to the Lord, and a son and daughter in-law did a re dedication. Glory to God!! In mid August we had a baptism in the Highwood River. I baptized them all plus my cousin Neil. What a wonderful thing the Lord has brought about. Not like the family with the hockey playing son who will carry that hurt for a long time, we can rejoice God is bringing our family in. Praise the Lord how can we thank him enough.

Cattle and horse prices are at an all time high, but so is the price of feed, my advice to everyone is call upon the Lord and he will bring you through this uncertain time. He can bring feed or what ever it is you have need of.

Thanks again for your prayers and financial support. We really appreciate it.

Gods' Blessing, John FitzHerbert



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

# GREETINGS FROM MANITOBA

TERRY BAKER

It's hard to believe that fall is just around the corner; where has the summer gone? Once again, we hosted the FCC Western Weekend the middle of July and what an awesome time of ministry and fellowship we had! Paul Unrau was back...he always does a great job with the horses and riders. Gymkhana is always fun and entertaining, with the ropers chasing cans and all. A friend of mine, Bruce Ewanyshyn who is the president of the Manitoba Christian Bikers, led us in an amazing, spirit-filled time of worship Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Jack Dyck came and shared Sunday morning....Jack always has a way to make the gospel so real in our lives. He takes his horse training tactics and relates them to our personal Christian walk. This year we wanted to put more emphasis on the ministry; worshiping, knowing the Lord more and the refueling of our souls.....and the Lord did that in a mighty way. Some thought they would go home early, but just couldn't leave. Throughout the weekend, we like to have a team and give wagon rides. The guys that took care of that this year, were eyeing up my two big paint horses and thought they should be a team. I have driven "Big D" and "Cowboy" a bit, but never as a team. Well to make a long story short, when the guys came back on Sunday, Gerry had brought some extra harness and collars and was determined to make my paints into a team. They harnessed them up, and did some ground driving.

They worked very well together, so we hitched them up to the wagon and it was as if they had been partners for years. Gerry was pleasantly surprised and said that we have our team for next year and then blessed me with the harness and collars. I have always wanted a working team of horses....who knew I had one right under my nose. I guess God knew and used someone else's vision to bring it forth.

I usually don't start haying until after this weekend, which was a good thing this year with all the rain we had in July. I actually didn't even get started until the beginning of August and in fact was going to bale today but an early morning thunder storm rolled through. I always say owning cows is the easy part, trying to get feed for them is the challenge. We're wet and out west is dry.....always dealing with the weather, but remember Psalms says "Blessed are those who put their trust in the Lord." Trusting in the Lord is the only way we can have true peace.....peace beyond understanding. The Lord knows our needs and we need to be relying on Him, not the weather or the circumstances around us. The Lord is in control and when we think differently, He will bring us to a place where we will have to trust in Him.

This year, I have been riding part-time for Dwayne at the com

# HI EVERYONE

My name is **Fred Walter** from the Cayley Colony near High River, AB.



I am a cowboy at heart. When I was fifteen years old my mom and dad were put in charge of the colony garden. I did not like that at all because it took some of my cowboy life away. At twenty years old the colony gave me the job to look after the potatoes. I sure did not want the job. I thought that will be it for my cowboy life because up until then my Dad and I used to ride and move cows just about every Saturday. Praise the Lord, He knows what He is doing!!

I hurt my knee when I was twenty playing hockey. I went to the hospital and had an operation. I think it was just as bad as the one Bobby Orr had. The pain was so bad I could not sleep for two days. On the third night I called out to God while I was crying "Lord I can not bare this pain, will you help me?" After about four minutes the door to my room opened and there was a flash of light. It went around my bed and then it was gone. Then a voice came loud and clear "Thou shalt be healed." I bent my knee ten times and the pain was all gone and I slept through the night. When I got up the next day I counted my stitches and they were all there. I got my crutches and hopped all over. Even the hospital food tasted good. In the sixties they would not let us out of the hospital with stitches. In a week the doctor took the stitches out and looked at my knee. He could not believe how good my knee looked and how nice it was. Praise the Lord! I was was playing hockey in nineteen sixty three my mom, dad, and sister and I were saved while watching a Billy Graham film. It is not easy to be a Christian on the colony. If it was not for a friend we can look to it would be very tough. Guess I could write some more but this will be all for now.

**Always Look Up for the Lord is Looking Down!**

*I am a cowboy at heart.*

munity pasture. My sense of direction is usually pretty good, but that was not the case on this particular day. They have had a lot of rain, making it hard to get around in some fields. It has gotten really bushy and the ground so wet that every horse track you made quickly fills up with water. It's a bit of a challenge to find a dry spot to lay down a cow and keep your boots dry. Well on this day, I was trying to make my way around a big marsh, and got myself into some stuff that I couldn't get out of. It was cloudy, with no sun, thick willows laying all over, water up to my horses' knees and grass stirrup high. After a while of dragging through this stuff, heading north (I thought), I realized I really didn't know which way was north anymore (I was lost). So I had to swallow my cowboy-pride and called Dwayne on the radio, only to find out he was in the same situation. At that moment the sun broke through the clouds, and we both exclaimed that we now knew which way was south and could carry on heading in the right direction. But I still had the challenge of getting through all the thick willows and water. I was trying to make my way out by the way the grass made trails through the water. I would ask my horse to go the way I thought was best but sometimes he really didn't want to go. When we ended up in a place so thick, he could barely turn around, I thought maybe I should trust the instincts of my horse. So I would ask him to go, if he hesitated, I wouldn't go that way. Well I'm happy to say that my horse did get me out and in time for lunch! It's like that with the Holy

Spirit who is there to guide us, but we have to take the time to listen. Rom. 8:14, "For as many are led by the spirit of God, these are sons of God." Most of us do what I do, depending on our abilities or ask for help from another (who was just as lost as I was) instead of relying on God. I believe He caused the sun to shine, even if just for a brief moment and used my horse to get me out of the situation I found myself in. This is another parable (as I like to call it) that reminds us of the importance of listening to the Holy Spirit. When we are out of tune with the Holy Spirit and solely relying on our own abilities, that's quite often when we will find ourselves with no sense of direction (lost). Had I just listened to my horse instead of me, I wouldn't have been trudging through that marsh for so long.

We have had a good summer of ministry.....some good crowds at cowboy church, lots of fellowship and opportunities to pray for those in need. I have also spent time visiting with some folks, in the hospital or their homes, offering them the hope that only comes through Jesus Christ. There are so many people that need to have this hope.....not only cowboys.

Terry Baker



# The Benefits of Giving

by John FitzHerbert

There is a lot of talk now about climate change. Environmental groups are going after the governments about this and politicians get on it to score points against their competitors. A few years ago it was called Global Warming, now the scientists tell us that the ice is building up in the South Pole so they have had to change the name to Climate Change. People who push this the most are mostly unbelievers because they don't think there is a God therefore no one is looking out for this old world, so man has to do something. When we look at the size of this universe or even the earth, man is pretty feeble to do anything to change the climate for better or for worse. Scientists can't even agree if it will be hotter or colder. Some say that the ice will melt and flood the earth while others say it will get so cold that plants won't grow and we will starve from the lack of food.

I decided I would look in God's word to see what he has to say about all this. Psalm 33:6 "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their hosts. He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap, He lays up the deeps in storehouses." God is telling here that He made the heavens or universe and also everything that moves on the earth. The he tells us that He gathered the sea and put it where it is. Another place where He gives us assurance that He is in control is Psalm 104:5 "He established the earth upon its foundations so that it will not totter for ever and ever, Thou did cover it with the deep as with a garment. The waters were standing above the mountains. At thy rebuke they fled. At the sound of thy thunder, they hurried away the mountains rose, the valleys sank down to the place that thou did establish for them.

Thou did set a boundary that they may not pass over. That they may not return to cover the earth." Well I think that makes it pretty clear that God will not allow the waters to cover the earth again as He did in the days of Noah. These are promises from God that He gave to us that we could live without fear or worry about what is going to happen. Every time we see a rainbow in the sky we are reminded of the promise that God gave to Noah and his descendants. Gen 9:16 "When the rainbow is in the clouds, then I will look upon it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." One more scripture I cannot pass is Ecc 1:7 "All the rivers flow into the sea yet the sea is not full. To the place where the rivers flow, there they flow again." My guess is that the sea water evaporates then comes down as rain and the process starts again.

About the earth getting too cold to grow anything I went back to Gen 8:20 "Then Noah built an alter to the Lord and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the alter. And the lord smelt the soothing aroma and the Lord said to himself I will never again curse the ground on account of man for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth and I will never again destroy every living thing as I have done. While the earth remains, seed time and harvest and cold and heat and summer and winter and day and night shall not cease."

We can choose to believe the promises that God gave us or we can choose to reject them. I choose to believe what his word says. It brings to my mind the words of the old hymn "Standing On The Promises Of Christ My King". Praise the Lord, thank God for the promises He has given to us.

More next time



WISHING YOU THE BEST  
IN THE HARVEST SEASON.





## CHRISTIAN COWBOYS



### FCC Winners

Back row – Left to right - Lawrence Simmons, Steve Hoff, Dirk McCarroll, Jeff Drisner, Kyle Pushie, Britney Shuck  
Front Row – Left to Right - Chris Martens, Blaine Szott, Couy McBride, Kevin Oester, Orrin Ellis, Ashton Lehman, Cody McBride (All the people in front of the trailer)



The winners of the **Breast Collars from Coates Truck**  
Colby Bowers and Lance Isaac



**FCC Champions** - Kevin Oester and Jeff Drisner

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- 2nd Cody McBride and Dirk McCarroll 37.68/4 for \$1028 + Breast Collars
- 3rd Steve Hoff and Dirk McCarroll 37.78/4 for \$912 + Trophy Knives
- 4th Kevin Oester and Ashton Lehman 46.6/4 for \$800 + Trophy Knives
- 5th Orrin Ellis and Blaine Szott 47.89/4 for \$630 + Splint Boots
- 6th Chris Martens and Dirk McCarroll 57.83/4 for \$514
- 7th Couy McBride and Lawrence Simmons 60.65/4 for \$400
- 8th Kyle Pushie and Britney Shuck 22.46/3 for \$285





# Chinook Country Corner

Hello friends and neighbors,

My how time has flown by since our last magazine!! Thank you to everyone for your continuing support by sending photos and articles for the magazine and web-page, in fact I have received so many that some will have to be used in the next issue!!! I am so pleased with this issue of the magazine. Praise The Lord!

What a difference a year makes in everyone's lives. In our last issue I wrote about the August 2014 hail storm which caused so much damage to our crops, yard and buildings. I spoke about my wish for one poppy seed and how the Lord responded by having poppies bloom by the hundreds in our yard. This summer we have been blessed with bumper hay crops, now all rolled up and in the stack yards. Our garden was tremendous providing us with fruit and vegetables which has been canned into one-hundred and seventeen jars of pickles, jams, and salsa. In July we had a problem with foot rot affecting both cows and calves, which we have not had for about ten years. But I hear many people even friends in Saskatchewan were dealing with the same issue. We used a vaccine that cost \$250.00 for a 250ml bottle, that sure backed it off quickly. Today we have treated two cows and six calves for pink eye. The calves are fat and happy and we hope the high prices will hold up until market time this fall.

**"Where He Leads Me I Will Follow"**

Twice this summer when John FitzHerbert could not attend our Cowboy Church at the Sunrise Village in High River I had the honor of filling in for him with our friend Ed. I have never preached the gospel to one person let alone a crowd!! But John was confident I could do a good job. I thought I would be scared and nervous but The Lord just guided me through the whole service and the people were pleased with my words. "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow"

I was in Manitoba this July at a care facility for the elderly. It was about seven o'clock in the evening and for some reason I just started gather these old folks up one by one into the sun room at the front of the care center. Some I knew, many I did not. I did not have my guitar with me but just started to sing the old songs they are familiar with. Many of these people suffer from dementia. But when I would sing songs about the Lord they remembered him and joined in at times.

This tells me that those who believe in Christ never forget him and that he will always lead us to him no matter what happens to our mind or body. "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow".

In August my husband Neil was baptized in the Highwood River by his cousin John FitzHerbert along with six other family members. Afterwards we had a wonderful pot-luck supper and then just spent time together just visiting at John and Elona's house.

Again those precious words.

**"Where He Leads Me I Will Follow"**

Take time every day to give thanks and pray,  
Love, Light and Laughter

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# **FCC Team Roping Jackpot and Free Camp – Anchor J Ranch Camrose, Alberta Hosted by the McCarroll Family and the FCC**

The 19th consecutive Fellowship of Christian Cowboys Jackpot was held on August 30th at Anchor J Ranch. There were 140 teams competing for the coveted buckles. Kevin Oester and Jeff Drisner reigned supreme as they took home the Buckles. The day included a free lunch and cowboy church service at noon. All competitors, spectators, and guests stopped what they were doing and shared a meal together. The FCC gang played some music and shared some testimonies. Ivan Wigemyr was the main speaker and he presented the Gospel message to approximately 100 people. There was much great discussion afterwards that carried on throughout the camp.

On Monday, August 31, 40 students were in attendance for the free team roping camp. It was a lot of fun and everyone learned a lot from Justin, Cody, Brett and Dirk McCarroll as well as guest Matt Fawcett. Students ranged in age from 4 to 54! The main purpose of the weekend was to share the Gospel Good News of Jesus Christ to a broken world. The cowboy world is certainly in need of a Savior as are all people that live on this earth. Brett and Dirk McCarroll shared the message on Monday and Ivan Wigemyr gave his testimony. Many heard who had not before. Others heard again. Let us all pray that the seeds sown would lead to salvation. To God be the glory for all things we do serving in His Kingdom. The camp consisted of ground instruction and many other fun activities. Heel-o-Matic jackpots, Rope with a Pro Jackpot, and the Little Red Dummy Roping jackpot were some highlights. Everyone enjoyed a safe and successful day. We look forward to hosting the camp again in 2016, Lord willing.

God Bless,  
Brett McCarroll

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