

Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee







Calaveras Legacy Ranch Rodeo




Honoring Tradition. Showcasing True Grit.

The Calaveras County Fair is excited to be bringing back the Legacy Ranch Rodeo. This event celebrates our region's deep ranching heritage highlighting the skill, teamwork, and resilience of real working cowboys and cowgirls. Set to take place during the 2026 fair, eight elite ranch teams will go head-to-head in traditional ranching events. The Calaveras Legacy Ranch Rodeo is more than just a competition—it's a tribute to the hardworking ranchers who keep the traditions of the West alive. Saddle up for fierce competition and thrilling arena action.

Event Details:

-  **Date:** May 15, 2026, Contestant Meeting - 1pm, Start Time - 1:30pm
-  **Location:** Calaveras County Fairgrounds – Frogtown Arena
-  **Entry Fee:** \$1,000 per team (four-person team)
-  **Purse:** \$4,000 to the winning team

In addition to the team championship, two prestigious individual awards & a second team award will be presented: **Top Hand & Top Horse awards will be selected by judges and committee.**

-  **Doug Joses Top Hand** – Recognizing the most skilled cowboy of the competition.
-  **Ronnie Anderson Top Horse Award** – Honoring the best ranch horse in the event.
-  **Match Calf Branding** – Buckles awarded to the winning calf branding team.

The Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog Jubilee is May 14-17, 2026.
For additional information contact tillie.frogtown@gmail.com or visit frogtown.org.

Doug Joses Top Hand Award

Doug Joses was born and raised in Calaveras County. In addition to being a Junior Livestock Exhibitor, Doug was the Livestock Manager for many years, served on the Board of Directors from 1975-1991 and is responsible for our competitive arena events being what they are today. He is still active with the Calaveras County Fair serving as a judge for the arena events and a ring man for the Junior Livestock Auction. Doug and his wife Loree currently run sheep and goats on their ranch in Mountain Ranch. We are thankful to Doug and all his years of service to the fair and our community.

Ron Anderson Top Horse Award

Ronnie William Anderson, age 67, of Vallecito, CA passed away on June 22, 2023, from an accident while gathering cattle. Ronnie was a lifelong resident of Calaveras County and lived in the same house in Vallecito since his marriage in 1979. He worked in the sheetrock and timber industries, worked for Ford Construction, was a farrier, and retired from Caltrans after 25 years, having first worked on the snow crew, the tree crew, and finishing on the road maintenance crew.

Ronnie's passions in life were his family, hunting, packing hunters in and out of Kennedy Meadows, and cowboying with local ranchers such as the Whittle, Wooster, and Joses families to name a few.

He also loved and cared for every single one of his many dogs. Ronnie was known for his quick wit, infectious laugh and giving nature. He was always lending a helping hand and making those around him smile.

Ronnie was a member of the Angels Gun Club, the Calaveras County Cattlemen's Assoc., the Calaveras County Jr. Livestock Boosters, the Calaveras County Friends of the Fair, and an active member of the Arena Committee for the Calaveras County Fair. Ronnie was always behind the scenes ensuring that these arena events ran smoothly and giving the announcer plenty to talk about. We all dearly miss his smiling face and witty humor, and we know he will be here with us at the 2026 Calaveras County Fair.

No entry form required for Top Hand or Top Horse.
Horses & contestants will be evaluated throughout the day.

GENERAL RULES & GUIDELINES

Event Date: May 15, 2026

Contestant Meeting: 1:00pm

Event Time: 1:30pm

1. No Residency Requirements.
2. Contestants must be at least 9 years of age as of January 1, 2026. A person may only enter one time.
3. The same four horses must be used for all events. Contestants must use the same horse for the entire event, no switching between team members.
4. A 10-point system will be used, 10 pts for first, 8 pts for second, 6 pts for third, 5 pts for fourth, 3 points for fifth and 1 pt for sixth place.
5. There will be no Tiedowns or Mechanical Hackamore Bits allowed in the arena. If there is a Mechanical Hackamore Bit or Tiedown being used, the team which that person belongs to will be disqualified.
6. Solid Jawed Bit, Snaffle Bit, Loose Jawed Snaffle, or Hackamore can only be used (roping reins are OK).
7. No Training on horses while in the arena.
8. All Saddle horns must be slick (Latigo leather, elk hide, or mule hide only) for all events. No rubber or cotton rope dally wrap.
9. Any unnecessary roughness, or abuse of any animal in any event will result in elimination of the team in that event.

The Judges/Arena Director decision is final. Any dispute must be made before team exits the arena for that event. No arguing or harassing of judges will be tolerated. If judge feels the need, they can disqualify the team at any time. No alcohol is allowed anywhere inside of the arena at any time. Any changes or updates to rules will be announced and gone over prior to each individual event starting.

Committee Members: Ace Anderson, Clinton Brownlie, Joe and Suzanne Butler,
Aaron Cole, Krista Delgado, Tim Folendorf, Shane Lucore, Chris Markus, Kelsey Markus,
Nikole Tippit, Lyle Vandeburgh.
Arena Director: Tillie Mann

MaryBeth Ospital - Calaveras County Fair Board of Directors
Laurie Giannini - CEO

EVENTS

Sorting

1. Sorting is a four-man event. There will be a 3 ½ minute time limit.
2. The starting number for each team will be drawn by show management. There will be 5 head of cattle in the end of the arena marked with visible numbers. Cattle will be settled after each run.
3. The starting number will be announced once the first member of the team crosses the start line. The team will start with the starting number and continue in numerical order. For example: Your number is 5. You must first sort out 5, then 1, 2, 3, 4.
4. If a wrong numbered animal crosses over the foul line or cattle return once brought across the foul line, time will be stopped and team will receive a time on the correct number of cattle sorted. For example: If a team sorts 3 head correctly and the next two come across out of order, the team will still receive a time. But a fast time on 3 head does not beat another team that sorted 4 or 5 head.

Ranch Doctoring

1. Ranch doctoring is a four-man event. There will be a 3 ½ minute time limit.
2. The arena will have two barrels at about 1/3 of the arena.
3. The time will start/stop when the judge signals and drops flag.
4. Riders will cut ONE of the designated numbered cattle out of the herd. Only your designated cow may be cut from the herd and removed between the two barrels. Only ONE person in the herd at a time.
5. 4 loop limit, one loop per rider.
6. Header cannot throw a loop until the cow has passed through the barrels. Legal head catches only (neck or neck and one front foot, figure eight is OK on one, not two front feet). Illegal head catch may not be dallied.
7. The designated cow can be heeled in far 2/3 of the arena; cow must be stretched and ropes set. Once ropes are stretched one of the ground crew will remove back number and run to bucking chute below announcers stand for time to stop.
8. The back number cannot be removed until feet are set in the ropes. No running the back number horseback.
9. You can and will be flagged out for any unnecessary roughness.
10. Only your cattle may cross the line. If undesigned cattle cross the line, the team will receive no time. Designated cow may not return to the herd once brought through the barrels. If the cow returns past the barrels to the herd, your team will receive a no time.

Stray Gathering

1. This event will consist of a 4-man team. Teams will have a 3 ½ minute time limit.
2. Team will start behind a timeline.
3. One steer will be turned out at the opposite end of the arena.
4. Time will start when the first team member crosses the start line.
5. The team MUST head and heel the steer.
6. Legal Catches: Horns, Half Head & Neck. (One front leg is ok)
7. Each team member can only rope once.
8. You are allowed to help tie the steer once 2 of the team members get the steer roped on both ends.
9. Once you have headed and heeled your steer, you must tie the steer with three legs.
10. Once the steer is tied down, it must stay tied for 6 seconds.
11. The head rope must be off to call time and no tying on.
12. If the steer comes untied in 6 seconds, the team will receive a no time.

Reverse Team Roping

1. Reverse Team Roping will consist of all 4 Team members. Members must rope with designated partner, no changing partners mid run.
2. Two steers will be released at the end of the arena; the headers and heelers will start at the opposite end of arena.
3. Time starts for the team when the judge drops the flag. Rope anywhere in the arena.
4. Legal Catches - Horns, Half Head & Neck. (One front leg is ok).
5. Three loop limit for each set of partners.
6. Team roping rules apply- Head, Heel, both ropers must stay tight and dallied until flag is dropped for team's time. 5 second penalty for one hind leg. If both sets of partners only catch one leg, a 10 second penalty will apply.
7. If one set of partners ropes one steer & other set of partners don't catch, team will still receive a time on one steer. However, and team roping one steer does not beat a team who roped both steers.

Calf Branding

1. Each team will be required to brand 4 calves. Time starts when both teams are ready, announcer will countdown to start both teams, at the same time.
2. Two team members will work on the ground to set ropes on both front and hind feet before branding. The other two members will head and heel the animal. **Each roper must head and heel a calf and work the ground.**
3. Legal head catches only (neck, horns, half head. ONE front leg legal- not two). After two calves are branded, the team members will change places.
4. Ropers may not break from a trot until the first calf is headed. The calf must be headed before heeler can make his catch. The heeler may catch one or both hind feet. The ground man may assist in removing illegal catches or dropped ropes but must return to the designated area before another loop is thrown. Illegal catches must be taken all the way off, and calf must be re-rope. As soon as the calf is headed and heeled, ground crew may leave designated area, throw calf, place head rope on both front feet and, if necessary, place heel rope on both hind feet, while working on calf, iron MUST be in the bucket.
5. When the calf is stretched by all four feet, branding iron may leave designated area.
6. All four feet must remain in the stretched ropes while brand is placed on calf. Ground man must return to the designated area after each calf is "branded". On the last calf, after the brand is placed, the ground crew returns to the designated area and puts the iron in the bucket for run to stop.
7. If any roper falls from his horse, ground man can only grab rope to avoid accident. The calf then must be released, and if roper is able to remount with no equipment failures, then he can re-rope his designated end and team run can be completed.
8. A misplaced brand will result in a 30 second penalty.
9. The time will stop when the ground crew is back in the circle and the iron is back in the bucket.

Match Calf Branding Championship:

1. After the conclusion of the Calf Branding, points will be added up to determine the top 4 teams. Those 4 teams will be brought back to compete for the Match Calf Branding Champion buckles.
2. Match Calf Branding will be tournament style, two pens running going head-to-head against each other (rope till you lose).
3. Current second place vs. fourth place teams will rope first. Current first place vs. third place teams will rope next.
4. The winning team from each round will then be brought back to compete in the final round.

Calaveras Legacy Ranch Rodeo Entry Form

Team Name _____

Contact Person _____

Contact Phone _____

Contestant Name #1	
_____	Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Contestant Name #2	
_____	Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Contestant Name #3	
_____	Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Contestant Name #4	
_____	Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

I, _____ A LEGACY RANCH RODEO ENTRANT ("PARTICIPANT") ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE VOLUNTARILY APPLIED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ON THE GROUNDS OF THE 39TH DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION. (CALAVERAS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS) (FROGTOWN) – LEGACY RANCH RODEO

I AM AWARE THAT THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED ACTIVITIES ARE HAZARDOUS ACTIVITIES, AND I AM VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGER INVOLVED AND AGREE TO ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF BODILY INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

The exhibitor agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the fair, the county and the State of California from and against any liability, claim, loss or expense (including reasonable attorneys’ fees) arising out of any injury or damage which is caused by, arises from or is in any way connected with participation in this program or event, excepting only that caused by the sole active negligence of the Fair. The fair management shall not be responsible for accidents or losses that may occur to any of the exhibitors or exhibits at the fair. The exhibitor (or parent or guardian of a minor) is responsible for any injury or damage resulting from the exhibitor’s participation in the program or event. This includes any injury to others or to the exhibitor or to the exhibitor’s property. I certify that these entries comply with Local, State and Department Rules contained in these rules. I certify that I have read the statement listed above.

As consideration for being permitted by the Fair and the State of California to participate in these activities and use their facilities, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives will not make a claim against, sue, or attach the property of the Fair or the State of California or any of their affiliated organizations as a result of my participation in the activities described above. I forever release the Fair and the State of California and any of their affiliated organizations from any and all action, claims, or demands that I, my assignees, heirs, distributees, guardians, next of kin, spouse and legal representatives now or hereafter have for injury or damage resulting from my participation in the activities described above.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND THE FAIR, AND THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND/OR THEIR AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS AND SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

EXECUTED AT ANGELS CAMP, CA ON _____

ALL PARTICIPANT SIGNATURES:

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE

CONTESTANT SIGNATURE

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PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE(S): _____

IF YOU ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, YOU AND YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST SIGN THIS FORM WHERE INDICATED.