

# Welcome to our Family & Friends arena!

**ON THE HOME FRONT: We stand in "awe" of what God is doing in our kid's lives..... Our favorite saying has become "Whoever said that life gets quieter when your kids start leaving home forgot to tell that to our kids!!" With only 1 of our 6 children still at home, life is just as busy as ever.**

**Daughter Ramie, a Jr. this year, ventured from cheerleading to playing volleyball and discovered not only did she enjoy it but she was good at it. She placed in all her rodeo events this year and ended up Reserve Champion in the local Playday series. She has plans (hopes) to High School Rodeo come spring on her one-eyed paint who just keeps running better and better the more adjusted he gets to his loss. In school, she is busy planning her Sr. project and working several part time jobs.**



**Daughter Kendra, 21yrs, will graduate from Concordia University in Portland, Oregon this year. She spent the past summer interning in youth ministries at The Faith Center in La Grande and is currently interning at Beautiful Savior Church in Portland in youth ministries. She's looking forward to her trip to Greece with her Greek class right after graduation. She plans a career in Church ministry.**

**Daughter Karla, 21yrs, will graduate from Multnomah Bible College in Portland, Oregon this year. She spent the past summer taking classes to make up for her mission trip to Fiji last fall and working for the City Parks coordinating the youth summer programs. She works at a Crisis Intervention Center and was also among the many National Guards sent to help with the clean up efforts after hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. Her field of interest is in the Missions field.**





**Son Rygh, 21yrs., graduated from TVCC this past spring with a degree in Ranch Management. He came home to spend the summer riding colts for us, and boy were we grateful for his help! He rode stock bronc horses in the Ranch Rodeos this year in addition to his other events and discovered he loves it and picks up a check every time! This fall he was offered a position traveling with and working for renowned hackamore & bridle-horse clinician Mike Bridges, so off he set to see the world & learn a bunch in the process.**

**Daughter Rena, 19yrs., graduated High School here last spring and is currently attending Eastern Oregon University in LaGrande, majoring in Ag-Business with a minor in Animal Science. She plans on being on the Rodeo Team in the spring and has been lured into playing on their polo team as well. She's working at the Livestock Sale Yard and refereeing for intramural sports.**



**Son Jesse, 19yrs., graduated High School from Lund, NV. He's taking a break from school for awhile to pursue one of his passions....hunting. He's currently working for an outfitter in his area helping with guided hunts of all kinds. He's considering going to taxidermy school in the future and that sure goes hand in hand with his hunting interest.**

**Niece Kaitlyn Stratton, 10 yrs**

**Kaitlyn and her brother Austin, 14yrs. Have been able to spend a lot of time with us the past couple summers and we're sure they are part horse! They are working hard to improve their horsemanship skills and compete in local playdays, Jr. Rodeo's. Kaitlyn is pictured here riding in the Hells Canyon Jr. Rodeo parade. She's packing one of the blue ribbons she won on her saddle horn! They both**



placed well in all their events and we look forward to having them back next summer.



**Nephew Brandon Mortensen, 4yrs. Brandon and sister Natalie, 2yrs, spent some time with us this past summer and they both entered their very first play day and Jr. Rodeo! Brandon placed in the pole bending and in the goat tail untying.....that goat gave him a run for his money but he didn't weaken! We think we wore him out with life on the ranch but Uncle Mitch can't wait until he can pound fence posts!!**

*"If my life is fruitless,  
it doesn't matter who praises me  
and if my life is fruitful,  
it doesn't matter who criticizes me."*