



CLOVERDALE RODEO AND COUNTRY FAIR CELEBRATES 'COWBOY CHURCH'

For Immediate Release

Surrey, British Columbia: On Sunday, May 18th at 10:00am at the Cloverdale Rodeo Fairgrounds, the driveway to 'Cowboy Church' will be lined with horse trailers. Inside, visitors will stomp the mud from their boots and gaze out over the Cloverdale Rodeo's famous Stetson Bowl, where only 12 hours before these same pro rodeo contestants competed in the toughest sport on dirt.

The Reverend Coy Huffman, a tough-as-lumber looking cowboy who may have actually stepped from the pages of a Louis L'Amour novel, will begin his sermon, one of the inspirational sort, with a prayer of thanks. Riders on horseback will form a wild-west background as they meander around the ring.

A church tailored to the cowboy culture might seem novel here in Canada, but cowboy churches have thrived for years in the American West.

In fact, the nondenominational service is open to one and all, although the main attendees will likely be rodeo fans, contestants and families, who believe that dressing up on Sunday means beating the dust off your hat and knocking the mud off your boots.

"We've been doing a Cowboy Church here on rodeo weekend for as long as anyone can remember," says Cloverdale Rodeo Chairperson Penny Smythe. "It's really an amazing experience, one we encourage people to take in."

Cowboy Church is a nondenominational service open to all. It will be held at 10:00am in the Stetson Suite at the Stetson Bowl Cloverdale Rodeo Fairgrounds on Sunday, May 18th at 10:00am.

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