

## 2008 Rodeo Planning Well Underway

While it's difficult to think about summertime celebrations while Gunnison is gripped in a cold & snowy winter, the Cattlemen's Days committee is doing just that.

Each December they travel to Las Vegas, Nev., during the annual National Finals Rodeo, to meet with the industry officials from the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA) and begin lining out details for this year's event.

"Before you know it, Cattlemen's Days will be upon us, and we have some important information to share with you," explained 2008 Cattlemen's Days President Kim Barz.

Cattlemen's Day's Rodeo 2008 dates are Thursday, July 10; Friday, July 11; and Saturday, July 12.

New this year is a change for Saturday's performance time to 7p.m., making all three rodeos evening performances. This will accommodate the 4-H Junior Livestock Auction's move to Saturday afternoon at 2p.m. Sunday, July 13 will continue as a Horse Race Meet at 12:30.

Again, Cattlemen's Days will feature the livestock of the four-time PRCA Stock Contractor of the Year Stace Smith of Smith, Harper, Morgan Rodeos. Andy Stewart will return as announcer. Tim "Wild Thang" Lepard will feature The Ghost Riders for this year's specialty act. Clay Collins and Travis Adams will be featured Bull Fighters.

Cattlemen's Day's events are slated to kick off July 4, with the start of 4-H shows and exhibits.