

Stonyford Parade Grand Marshal and Rodeo Dedicatee

by Germaine Burrows

Germaine Burrows has been named Parade Grand Marshal and Rodeo Dedicatee for the Annual Stonyford 2020 Rodeo. The rodeo is a three-day event that begins on Friday, May 1 and ends on Sunday, May 3, 2020. Germaine will appear in the Stonyford Parade on Saturday, May 2, at 10 a.m. and in the arena on all three days of the rodeo.

Germaine was born in Stonyford, raised by her Grampa Oscar McDaniel and Gramma Ethel McDaniel, and her mother Eleanor Bill and father Doc Bill Sr.

Germaine has two boys, Edward McDaniel and D Jay Burrows. Edward passed in 1998 but left her three beautiful granddaughters Alyssa, Ashley and Melonie. D Jay Burrows also gave his mom two amazing handsome grandsons, Felix and Xavier.

Germaine attended Stonyford Grammar School and Elk Creek High School. She attended Yuba Junior College and Heald Business College where she graduated as a Legal Secretary. Germaine didn't stop there; she continued her education at Butte College and Chico State receiving her Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees.

After working with Blue Shield Insurance Company for five years and attending college, Germaine returned to the U.S. Forest Service on the Mendocino National Forest while taking night classes. This took SEVERAL years, but she did it!

Germaine started working at the age of 14 when she received her work permit, working for the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) right here in Stonyford for the Forest Service. That was during the summers and she was off to school the rest of the year. Germaine continued working up to the age of 18 when she applied for work at the U.S. Forest Service. She started her career as a seasonal firefighter, then worked at various job positions within the Forest Service. While working for the U.S. Forest Service, Germaine has had the opportunity to travel throughout the United States on various fire assignments from Alaska to Florida, Hawaii and the islands of Guam and Saipan. Her job on Guam and Saipan was signing up fire fighters to come and assist in the United States during large fires. Germaine is very dedicated to her job working for the Mendocino National Forest and she has been Center Manager for the Mendocino National Forest Dispatch Center since 2009. Germaine dispatches for Fire, Law Enforcement, local Sheriff's Office and cooperative agencies. She supervises six employees in the dispatch center and coordinates with multiple local agencies for a variety of different emergencies. She now has 30 years of service with the government.

Germaine was very active in the Stonyford 4-H club and in the Elk Creek FFA, always riding her horses in various horse shows and competing in several counties. Germaine also rode in the All Indian Rodeo competing in Barrel Racing throughout California and Fallon, Nevada. Then, it became too expensive; now she watches it on TV.

Germaine has been a member of the Stony Creek Horsemen's Association since the late 1990's where she held various positions within the Association, starting out with the day parking, selling programs, working in the kitchen helping her mother Eleanor Bill making Indian Tacos, working in the bar, and last but not least taking over the camping coordination. Germaine currently holds a Director's Position within the Association and is also the Camping Director. Germaine and her crew have a very special bond

with the visitors and long time returnees who come back year after year for the rodeo. Germaine and her crew are well known out in the camping area, greeting folks and making sure they are safe, comfortable and ready for the weekend at the BEST RODEO AROUND.



Germaine and her horse Lucky