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TRANSCRIPTION OF UNSCRIPTED SPEECH

While I was growin' up, we lived in the country. It was-- we were used to riding horses. (Um) The rodeo life, I believe, is just something that's really strong here. It's changed a lot from when I was younger. (Uh) It-- A lot of people who love the rodeo say (um), the saddleground.

Back when I was younger, alcohol was really-- it was something like it was supposed to have been part of the life. And... there would be, you know, fights and stuff like that, especially at the ending of the rodeos.

And then, as we got older, or in our case, grew up, oh, okay, like (um) our kids didn't quite grow up into the rodeo life. I have a nephew that is rodeoing right now. My son did for a while, until Indian relays came alive.

And the Indian relays, I believe, in a lot of ways took over the rodeo. (Um) A lot of people like goin' to those more than anything. An Indian relay is where they have six teams, three horses involved. (Um) One holds the horse. One holds the other horse back from-- they come-- it's like a race, is what it is. And the one holding the horse-- that guy's-- jumps off his horse, and then he jumps onto the other horse that this other guy's holdin', and... You just can see some really crazy accidents. (Um) And they just keep doin' that until the last horse. (Um) They even have (uh) Indian lady relay. I had a niece that relayed a long time for _____[unclear]. (Um) 'cause they were really into Indian relays. I had-- (um) My nephew was just a little tiny guy, and they actually were riding. (Um) They even have, like, little kids' games and they also do with-- You know, they put 'em on this buffalo hide and-- and then they drag 'em around and... It's really exciting to watch.

(Um) Let's see, I love the antics in rodeo. And that's like the saddleground: the bareback riding, the bull riding, the calf riding. (Um) There is really a lot of ropers. Ropers are now, I would say, dominating the rodeo war. I like it, it's not-- I mean, it's not as, like, you need somebody who's riding. You're like, "Yeah, um..." And then the barrel racing and the calf riding. They have sheep riding. Some rodeos will have sheep, and that's when they'll put s-- like my grandson rode, won like three special prizes, and

he didn't even want to get off the sheep. They just hang on, either with one hand, or with both hands...

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