

## Hootenanny Throwdown

At this point on the trail, the two teams have spent many an hour bonding over many an adventure. Like the minstrels of old, each squad of Cowboys and Ranchers regaled us with the tales of their traveling in song, er cheer. From soulful rivercrossin' to hair-raisin' getaways from outlaws, it was a hoot and a holler hearing about life on a cattledrive.



## Brawl Unleashed in “Slaughter in the Water”

The trail to victory led through the waterin' hole Thursday afternoon. Cowboys and Ranchers faced off on the banks of the Rio Verde (its name needs little explainin') to get their growing herds across safely. But as one can imagine with two competin' teams of this magnitude, the groups soon locked horns, creating quite the splash. Each team was tasked with fighting through the forest of flailing limbs to dunk their ball in a floating ring. This was no feat for the faint

of heart. Thankfully no serious injuries were sustained and only one shoe was seen floating toward shore. By the end of the crossing, the Cowboy guys and the Rancher gals had proved their brawn and wit, winning 20 cows for their teams respectively.

One Cowgirl, Eliana Tessari was asked what her strategy was.

“I put the ball between my knees and just walked it there.”

Stealthy move.



## Mad Hat Slappin'

While the menfolk were busy half-drownin' each other, the fairer folk were engaged in a little fiesty scuffle of their own. Some heads were gettin' too big fer their hats, and it was time to take it down a notch. Those who couldn't hold on to their hats were humbled, and those with more accurate slappin' brought more cows to the herd.





## Three Cheers and a Yeehaw!

Some notable things from this week worth celebratin':

Mollie Jones celebrated her birthday on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthia celebrated 30 years of marriage on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, Ella Beachell and Ben Griffith each celebrated another trip around the sun.

