

StrawBerry

Born in the San Joaquin Valley of California, “Straw” Berry grew up in west central Oklahoma. He was part of the third generation of Berry’s to live and work on the Botchlett Ranch west of Cordell in Washita County. Straw graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a degree in history. After short stints as a musician and police officer, he later settled on a career in the livestock feed, grain and fertilizer industry, while he and his father partnered in a small cow/calf operation. Straw still likes to keep a couple of horses around just to smell the “sweat and leather”. He serves on the board of directors of the Washita County Historical Society and is a member of the Cordell Round Up Club. He and wife, Penny reside in Cordell and stay busy following their eight grandchildren. Straw began to write and recite cowboy poetry in about 2000. His appearances at the Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering in Fort Worth, Texas and hearing his poetry used by Red on the radio show Cowboy Corner, certainly top the list of highpoints in his career. Straw feels honored to a part of the 30th Anniversary of the Gathering!