

GRAND MARSHALS



BIRDSALL AND DARLENE YOUNG

Birdsall and Darlene Young have been chosen by the Washington County Fair Board as Grand Marshals for the 2017 Eastern Colorado Roundup.

Darlene graduated from Otis High School and Birdsall graduated from High Prairie. Birdsall was always in 4-H and showed beef. Darlene was in 4-H during her teen years. Birdsall was chosen one year to attend the Chicago 4-H Congress. He also showed beef at the state fair and at the Stock Show. He caught a calf both at the county fair and at the Stock Show. Birdsall was also involved in the judging teams for livestock.

When Birdsall was 18, he rented land from the state and his father had to sign, since he was not 21. That land is still being farmed by the Young family. After they graduated, Birdsall farmed and Darlene taught school for eight years. She taught in Otis for two years, Lone Star one year and the other years were at different small schools. When Birdsall was 20 and Darlene was 21, they married and they have been married for 68 years.

The couple have two children and two grandchildren and both their son and grandson help with the farm. The couple were both 4-H leaders for a few years and they have sponsored a calf for many years. They have also attended fair during the years and for many years, bought livestock at the Junior Livestock Sale.

The Youngs still farm and run cattle. They have been involved in their community and county for many years. Please congratulate Birdsall and Darlene and join them in the fair parade on Friday, July 28th.