

COWBOY KID



Area photographer Tim Keller captured this image — which he calls “Bronc Surveys the Scene” — as a youngster from Oklahoma longed for the day he could enter the youth rodeo at Des Moines, N.M. The photo is one of many included in an exhibit of Keller’s work that is on display at Raton’s Holiday Inn Express. See People, page 9.

Courtesy Tim Keller

PEOPLE

THE RATON RANGE

Keller's photography featured in exhibit

SPECIAL TO THE RANGE

Photographer and writer Tim Keller will be the guest of honor at an artist's reception Friday, Oct. 21, for his photography exhibition, "Tim Keller's New Mexico."

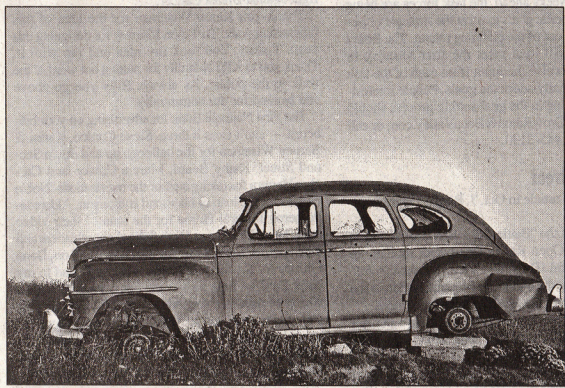
The reception, catered by Raton High School's Culinary Arts Group, will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at Raton's Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites.

The show — on display now throughout the hotel — features 28 framed images, from small to large, in both black & white and color, displayed throughout the hotel's breakfast rooms; lobby, and adjoining halls. Many of the images have appeared in Keller's features for such magazines as Western Horseman, New Mexico, Ranch & Reata, RANGE, Enchantment, and National Geographic Traveler.

"I've driven my pickup down a lot of remote dirt roads," Keller says, "usually at dawn or sundown, photographing ranches, abandoned homesteads, and the beautiful landscapes of northeastern New Mexico." His show at the Holiday Inn Express also features portraits, including "The Last Stockman on the Turquoise Trail" Archie West, and New Mexico's beloved novelist (The Rounders, The Hi Lo Country) Max Evans.

Along with his freelance writing and photography, Keller has taught English and social studies classes at Raton High School for more than 10 years. He taught previously in Springer, Santa Fe and Texas.

The Holiday Inn Express show was curated by



► This Tim Keller photo is titled "Out to Pasture." Part of Keller's photography that is on exhibit at the Holiday Inn Express in Raton, it shows moonrise over a long-abandoned car behind an old homestead outside Grenville.

Courtesy Tim Keller

THE ARTS

Keller's wife, artist Christina Boyce, longtime owner of Studio C, an art gallery in Des Moines.

"Tim Keller's New Mexico" will remain

on display at Raton's Holiday Inn Express through the end of the year. Brochures and price lists are available at the hotel's front desk. Further information is available from the hotel at 445-1500 or www.ratonsfinest.com, or alongside Keller's features and photographs at www.TimKellerArts.com.