A cowboy wearing a brown hat, a light blue long-sleeved shirt, and dark pants is riding a brown horse. They are positioned on a grassy hillside, looking out over a vast valley. The valley features rolling hills, a winding river, and some small buildings in the distance. The sky is a clear, deep blue, suggesting late afternoon or early evening. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

COWBOY TOURS

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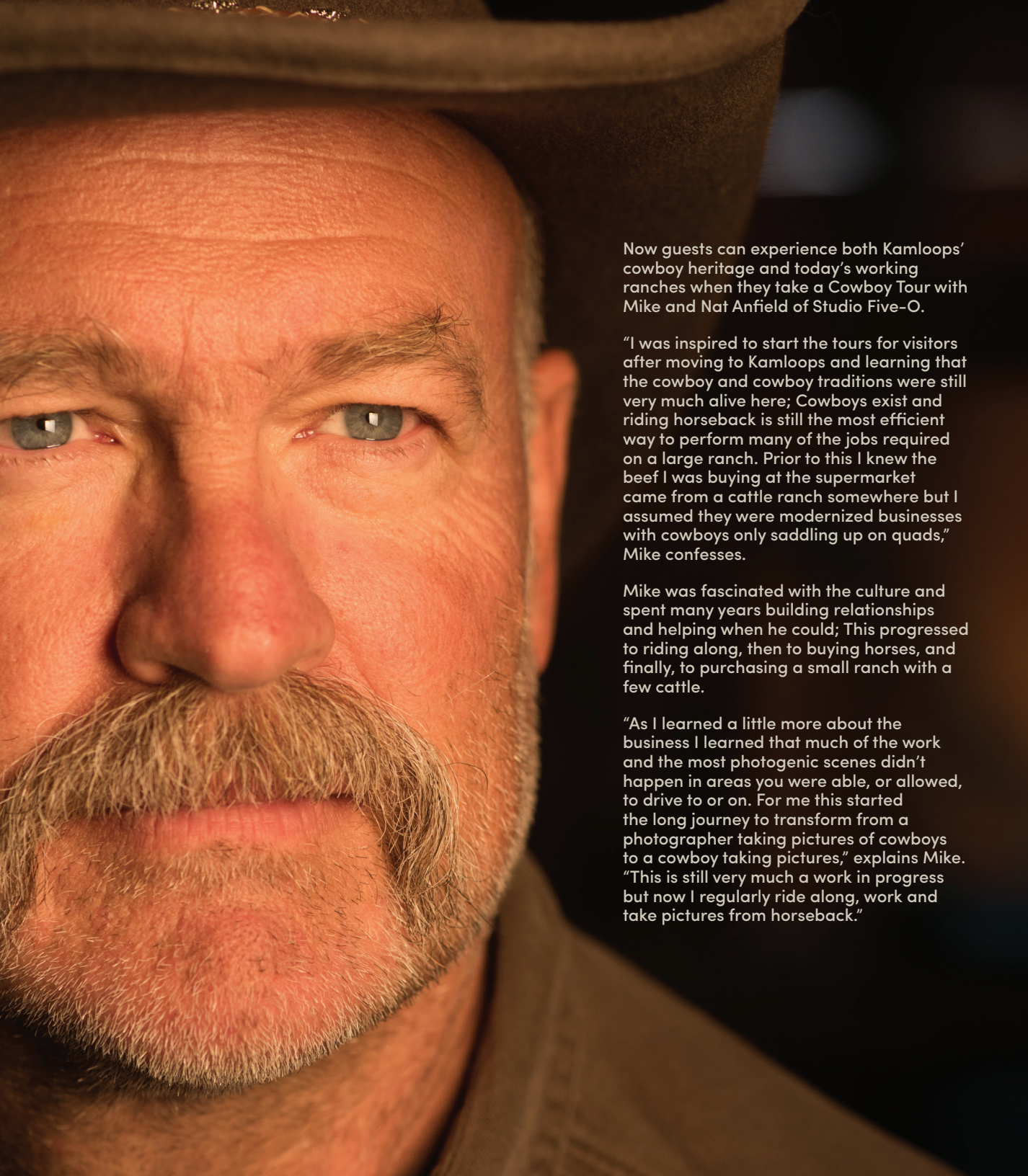
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KAMLOOPS COWBOY FESTIVAL CELEBRATING 21 YEARS!

THE KAMLOOPS COWBOY FESTIVAL WILL BE CELEBRATING ITS 21ST ANNIVERSARY IN KAMLOOPS FROM MARCH 16TH TO 19TH. THE FESTIVAL IS A CELEBRATION OF KAMLOOPS' WESTERN HERITAGE SHOWCASING THE BEST IN COWBOY AND WESTERN FINE ARTS FEATURING POETS, MUSICIANS, ARTISTS, AND ARTISANS. IT IS A CELEBRATION OF KAMLOOPS' HISTORY AND IS CONSIDERED THE BIGGEST AND BEST OF ITS KIND IN NORTH AMERICA.



This festival highlights the Kamloops of the past, but many do not realize that Kamloops is still very much a cattle town. Its strong ties to the ranching community make it the perfect host for North Americans interested in western heritage and cowboy culture. Kamloops is home to the BC Cattlemen's Association headquarters, BC Livestock Producers Co-operative Association headquarters and the province's largest BC-owned cattle ranch. Every morning the Kamloops sun shines down on dozens of cowboys putting on their boots, saddling their horses, and heading out to work cattle.



Now guests can experience both Kamloops' cowboy heritage and today's working ranches when they take a Cowboy Tour with Mike and Nat Anfield of Studio Five-O.

"I was inspired to start the tours for visitors after moving to Kamloops and learning that the cowboy and cowboy traditions were still very much alive here; Cowboys exist and riding horseback is still the most efficient way to perform many of the jobs required on a large ranch. Prior to this I knew the beef I was buying at the supermarket came from a cattle ranch somewhere but I assumed they were modernized businesses with cowboys only saddling up on quads," Mike confesses.

Mike was fascinated with the culture and spent many years building relationships and helping when he could; This progressed to riding along, then to buying horses, and finally, to purchasing a small ranch with a few cattle.

"As I learned a little more about the business I learned that much of the work and the most photogenic scenes didn't happen in areas you were able, or allowed, to drive to or on. For me this started the long journey to transform from a photographer taking pictures of cowboys to a cowboy taking pictures," explains Mike. "This is still very much a work in progress but now I regularly ride along, work and take pictures from horseback."





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Mike knows that there are many other photographers and sightseers who would be interested in having the same access to these working cattle ranches, beautiful grasslands and century old heritage homes. He has secured exclusive access to a large working cattle ranch and will be offering guided photo tours along with his wife. This will allow photographers and enthusiasts to capture a side of Kamloops that many aren't aware even exists.

Come for the Festival in March, but stay for a tour and an opportunity to experience what life on a ranch is really like. Cowboy Tours are certain to be a rich experience that will capture the attention of enthusiastic photographers, sightseers, and want-to-be cowboys from around the world.

More information can be found here.
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