

PORTRAIT OF THE WEST



Rayne Conklin & Sage Aanenson

Words by Liz LeSatz. Photo by Stephanie Russell, www.cowgirlgraphics.net.

Situation Wanted: “Two young cowgirls will work on cattle drives for \$10 a day, including lunch, that has to be good and big. Or \$20 if we supply our own lunch. We have our own horses and saddles. Our names are Rayne, age 11, and Sage, age 9. We are very experienced riders and have done cattle drives before. Phone 760.... Can find more cowgirls the same age if necessary.”

In March 2009, Laramie, Wyo., residents Rayne and Sage sat down with Rayne’s granddad to write a classified ad for the *Laramie Boomerang*. These two young cowgirls were looking to accomplish an honest day’s work and they knew if they wanted to

meet their goal, they needed to do their part and ask.

These spunky young cowgirls are a prime example of the will- ingness of young agriculturists to carry on stewarding the land if given the opportunity. They were recently featured by the Wyoming Stock Growers Agricultural Land Trust (www.wsgalt.org).

Oh, by the way, Rayne and Sage are for hire again this year!

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