



Clovis Rodeo Association

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Local Cowboys Earn Bragging Rights at the Clovis Ranch Rodeo

(Clovis, California): The Clovis Rodeo kicked-off "Rodeo Month" with the 13th Annual Clovis Ranch Rodeo on Saturday, April 6. Seventeen teams of cowboys and cowgirls from local ranches, and throughout the Western United States, competed for silver bits, spurs, saddles and braggin' rights. Considered the top ranch rodeo in California it is a time for those who make their living roping, riding, branding and reining on ranches every day to show off at what they do best. The Clovis Ranch Rodeo begins a month of activities celebrating Clovis' Western Heritage leading up to the 99th Clovis Rodeo to be held April 24-28.

The day-long ranch rodeo competition included teams of four riders who each must use the same horse for all events. The winning four-person team made up of three-time winners of the event went home with saddles that proclaimed them the Clovis Ranch Rodeo Champions for 2013.

Taking home top honors were the team of Tim Burke, Ty Burke, Jeff Ballew and Ryan Pascoe. The top team of cowgirls was Kacey Hurley, Jessica Willoughby, Mattie Barrington and Colleen Sabin. The oldest cowboy competing was Tucker Slender and 77 years young and the youngest cowboy was Mitch Behling.

The winning teams were ranked as follows:

Winning All Around Teams were as follows:

First Place: Tim Burke, Ty Burke, Jeff Ballew and Ryan Pascoe

Second Place: Gene Roberts Sr., Zeb Burroughs, Frank Heinrichs and Burt Crane

Third Place: John Boschi, Jake Gorrell, Christina Allen and Scott Trueblood

A sanctioned Western States Ranch Rodeo Association (WSRRA) event, the Clovis Ranch Rodeo is considered the top ranch rodeos held in California attracting some of the best of the best who cowboy for a living. WSRRA gives the teams the opportunity to compete at a higher level of ranch-hand rodeo events. Clovis hosted several teams who have the intention of garnering points that will allow them to move on to the next level of competition where they will try for top honors amongst full time and part time working cowboys from major ranches throughout the West.

The 99th Clovis Rodeo opens on Thursday, April 25 with the return of the best show on dirt, the PBR Bull Riding Touring Pro-Division, and some of the rankest bulls and toughest cowboys in bull riding followed by a concert with Country Duo Love and Theft. Friday Night its PRCA Rodeo action followed by a concert with rising country star Dustin Lynch. Two more days of wild rodeo action will follow along with the popular Clovis Rodeo parade on Saturday, April 27. The Clovis Rodeo runs April 25-28.

Reserved ticket prices range from \$20 - \$30 and are available by calling 559-299-5203, visiting clovisrodeo.com, or at the rodeo ticket office located on the rodeo grounds between Bullard and Shaw in the heart of downtown Clovis 9-5:30 p.m. daily (M-F). A two concert event ticket package is available for \$50.00. Parking at the rodeo grounds is free of charge.

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The all-volunteer, not-for-profit Clovis Rodeo Association (CRA) has 700 members. More than \$170,000 in proceeds from the Clovis Rodeo and related events coordinated by CRA members benefit local charities annually, including 4-H, FFA, Clovis Schools, Clovis Police Activities League, California High School Rodeo Foundation, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Break the Barriers, Boy Scouts of America, Clovis Community Hospital and the Central California Blood Center.

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