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Rodeo Weekend Opens in Clovis to a Sellout Crowds and Wild Rodeo Action

99th Annual Clovis Rodeo April 25-28, 2013

(Clovis, California): Rodeo weekend began in Clovis tonight with a wild night of PRCA action that included a standing-room-only crowd and visits by some hometown boys including bull rider, Kaycee Rose and ten-time All-Around World Champion Cowboy, Trevor Brazile from Decatur, Texas.

The crowd went wild in Clovis, California boy, Kaycee Rose who gave it his all on one of the rankest bulls in tonight's line-up, Growney Brothers', Wildly Legit to top the leader board with an 85-point ride.

While Brazile took some great turns in the dirt they weren't good enough to guarantee him a spot in the finals. This is the third go for the timed events at the Clovis Rodeo, the best cowboys and cowgirls in the timed events will come back on Sunday, April 28 for the Finals at the Clovis Rodeo beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Friday Night highlights also included mother and daughter barrel racers Dollie Lautaret and Jolee Lautaret-Jordan from Kingman, Arizona who were only a hundredth of a second apart in tonight's performance posting times of 17.21 and 17.20 which boosted them to first and third in the average after two runs.

Bareback Riding had not one, but two 85 point rides by National Finals Rodeo qualifiers Casey Colletti (Pueblo, CO) and Jessy Davis (Power, MT). Colletti posted his score aboard Burch Rodeo's Pinball Wizard and Davis rode Burch Rodeo's horse, Angry Bird for his 85 point ride.

Friday Night's rodeo action was followed by a concert with rising country star Dustin Lynch whose chart climbing hits Cowboys and Angels and She Cranks My Tractor are sure to turn up the volume on the Friday night crowd.

Two more days of wild rodeo excitement will include the popular Clovis Rodeo Parade and Rodeo Dance 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, non-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