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## 96<sup>th</sup> Clovis Rodeo Association Board of Directors Announced

*(Clovis, California):* At the annual meeting of the Clovis Rodeo Association the membership enjoyed the opportunity to discuss a successful 95<sup>th</sup> Clovis Rodeo and elect the 2010 Board of Directors.

Outgoing Clovis Rodeo Association President, Mark Thompson, thanked the association membership at the annual meeting for their commitment to making the 95<sup>th</sup> Clovis Rodeo so successful. "We could not make the Clovis Rodeo happen, year in and year out, without the dedication of our membership who believe in making sure our community's western heritage continues for many years to come," Thompson said.

The 2010 officers elected at the May board meeting are Ron Dunbar, president; Scott Saltzman, Vice President, Susan Frantzich, Secretary and Jeff Witte, Treasurer. Additional board members elected include: Lynn Armstrong, Vern Barkman, Joe Billaiba, Larry Cowger, Ken Elliott, Vince Genco, Greg Gillard, Tom Hunter, Stan King, Chuck Rigsbee, Dan Rigsbee, Radar Ryan, Mike Spears and Mark Thompson.

"We look forward to doing what we do best and making the 96<sup>th</sup> annual Clovis Rodeo bigger and better than ever," said Ron Dunbar, Rodeo Association's newly elected president. "We are already busy planning for next year and looking forward to celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Clovis Rodeo in 2014."

The 580-member non-profit association is governed by an 18-member board of directors who is responsible for overseeing the planning of the annual Clovis Rodeo always held the last weekend of April.

The 95<sup>th</sup> Clovis Rodeo concluded its successful run on Sunday, April 26 with more than 35,000 visitors having attended the four-day rodeo. Fans not only enjoyed the return of the USST PBR Bull Riding Challenger Tour on Thursday night, but rodeo action followed by a concert by country super-group LONESTAR on Friday night and more PRCA rodeo action on Saturday and Sunday.

The Clovis Rodeo Association hosts events throughout the year that culminates with western heritage month in April each year. All events lead up the 4-day annual rodeo always held the last weekend of April. The 96<sup>th</sup> Clovis Rodeo will be held April 26 – 29, 2010. Tickets will go on sale in January of 2010.

If you are interested in learning more about the Clovis Rodeo Association and its many activities or seeing highlights from the 95<sup>th</sup> annual rodeo, visit clovisrodeo.com.

The all-volunteer, non-profit Clovis Rodeo Association (CRA) has 580 members. Approximately \$125,000 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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