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Jones and Nelson Win Clovis Jackpot Roping

(Clovis, California): Scott Jones and Ernie Nelson won the Clovis Jackpot Roping and took home custom made saddles proclaiming them the champions of the annual event. The Clovis Rodeo Association hosted the annual roping as a part of the their month long celebration leading up to the 99th Annual Clovis Rodeo April 25-28.

The high point winners of today's Jackpot Roping received saddles and plenty of bragging rights at the annual roping. Both seasoned ropers who find the sport to be a great time to be with friends were thrilled with their wins. Scott Jones has had a good season with the Clovis Rodeo events having been named the All-Around Cowboy at last weekend's Clovis Ranch Rodeo.

Next up for rodeo month will be the Clovis Rodeo Queen Competition on Saturday April 20. Alexis Arietta of Fresno and Kayli Gobeli of Clovis are the 2013 Queen Candidates who are hoping to replace the 98th Clovis Rodeo Queen, Hollie Kucera.

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 <u>clovisrodeo.com</u>, 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-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.