



Clovis Rodeo Association

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Saturday, April 11, 2009

CONTACT: Alfreda Sebasto 559-285-1237
Mark Thompson 559-299-8838

TICKET OFFICE ONLY: 559-299-5203

Dodds and Ketscher Win at Clovis Jackpot Roping Today

(Clovis, California): Local ropers Bodi Dodds from Sanger and Blane Ketscher from Squaw Valley won the Clovis Jackpot Roping today. Each took home a custom made saddle proclaiming them as the 2009 Champions. The Clovis Rodeo Association hosted the annual roping as a part of the community's month long Western Heritage celebration leading up to the 95th annual Clovis Rodeo April 23-26, 2009.

Just twelve years old, Bodi Dodds was one of the youngest competitors of the day. He took the first place position in the team roping competition as header and 23-year-old Blane Ketscher took first place heeler. There were more than 100 teams competing for the coveted title and bragging rights amongst the local cowboys and cowgirls in the region.

West Side Farms and Maricopa Farms are the 2009 saddle sponsors for this event. All ropers who competed are members of the National Team Roping Association.

Next up for the Clovis Rodeo is the horsemanship competition and banquet for the Clovis Rodeo Queen candidates on Saturday, April 18; followed by Kowboy Kids Day at the Sierra Vista Mall on Sunday, April 19 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Clovis Rodeo officially opens on Thursday, April 23 with the return of the USST PBR Bull Riding Challenger Tour. The Friday night rodeo action will be followed by a concert for rodeo fans with multi-platinum country performing group, LONESTAR. Two days of rodeo activities will continue through the weekend, along with the popular Clovis Rodeo parade on Saturday, April 25. Tickets are available by calling 559-299-5203 or visiting www.clovisrodeo.com. Ticket office hours are Monday through Saturday 9:00 a.m. –5:30 p.m.

###

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.