

La Pine Rodeo Association  
PRESS RELEASE

**Western Heritage Celebrated at 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Play Day**

The La Pine Rodeo Association's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Play Day was a huge success, held on a sunny September 10<sup>th</sup> with 48 contestants participating in 4 age divisions in 3 events: Pole Bending, Key Hole and Barrels.

A wide range of contestants from the experienced rider, beginners, and first timers (as young as 2-years old) or visiting from Lakeview made for a great day; the camaraderie of watching and cheering everyone on made for a home town, family friendly event.

The day was capped off with the awarding of trophies. The Sportsmanship Award, voted on by all participants, was awarded to Tucker Allen who received a leather breast collar donated by Stark's Custom Saddles & Leatherworks. The High Point Winner was Charissa Bates who received a horse blanket donated by Big R.

Division winners:

**Buckaroos** - Hallie Dick (1<sup>st</sup>), Lizzie Reis (2<sup>nd</sup>), Harley Dick (3<sup>rd</sup>), Chelsea Donahue (4<sup>th</sup>), Michaela McKelvie (5<sup>th</sup>).

Participants Cody Wearin, Ashlyn Johnson, Holly Silvey, Deakon Looney, Gracie Looney, McKayla Gardner, Emily Gardner, Sierra Confer, Emerson Russell, Rylee Russell, Andrew Blake, Amanda Gitchell, Joey Gitchell, Lanie Dick, Randi Allen and Sage Confer.

**Rough Riders** - Charissa Bates (1<sup>st</sup>), Kristen Russell (2<sup>nd</sup>), Alex Nizinski (3<sup>rd</sup> tie), Heather Sittel (3<sup>rd</sup> tie), Tristan Cox (4<sup>th</sup>), Rose Blake (5<sup>th</sup>). Participants Erin Cordray, Melissa Allen, Alissa Likens, Amanda Grippin, Josh Stinson, Tucker Allen.

**Vaqueros** - Heidi Webb (1<sup>st</sup>), Kim McBride (2<sup>nd</sup>), Bridge Sittel (3<sup>rd</sup>), Charlotte Gowdy (4<sup>th</sup>), Tom Cox (5<sup>th</sup>). Participants Art Gowdy, Gina Wearin, Erin Likens, Christina Bates, Kathy Russell, Lisa Cox, Amber Moeggenberg.

**Viejos** - Shea McKelvie (1<sup>st</sup>), Fran Sittel (2<sup>nd</sup>), Kerri Raymond (3<sup>rd</sup>)

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As always, thanks to our many volunteers who made this possible!

Planning Committee: Florence Neis, Kathy DeBone, Shea McKelvie, Marina Wolfgram, Gina Wearin

Volunteers: Scott Morrison, Barbara Burke, Linda Reid, Dayle Boucher, Linda Martin, Cheri Stark, Michaela McKelvie, Annie Blumenstetter, Father Jose Thomas, Di Martin, Mike McKelvie, Ken Gibson, Sandy Jansen, Mike Wolfgram, The Cox Family and Tucker Allen.

The western heritage is alive in La Pine!

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