

The sun is shining and the grass is getting green, makes a heart start wandering towards summer thoughts and with that comes thinking about Rodeo Season! It is coming up pretty quickly actually. Once again La Pine Rodeo has some great things in the works, it seems every year it gets a bit bigger and a bit better thanks to an incredible Rodeo Board. We are putting on 4 days of non-stop, action packed fun and excitement this year.

One of the first fun events of the year is our Rodeo Queen Coronation; this is where our past Queen crowns the upcoming Queen and Princess. Of course we make an evening of it with Tri-Tip dinner cooked by Kim & Kathy Russell, outstanding as always with them. We had Chris Osage as a "DJ" to keep the excitement going. With silent auction items, door prizes and live auction we brought in some money for these girls to travel and represent La Pine Rodeo in fashion. The highlight of the night was the "Mr. La Pine Rodeo" Contest, a contest the girls came up with that brought the house down. They picked 3 guys from the crowd who had to answer questions, practice their arena run in's on stick horses, and walk the catwalk!! After we all laughed until we cried we got down to serious business and our 2015 Queen Shelby Brinkly crowned our 2016 La Pine Rodeo Queen Michaela McKelvie and our 2016 Princess Charisa Bates. We are very proud of these ladies and look forward to an awesome year.

2016 We are bringing in on Friday July 1<sup>st</sup> Nashville Recording Artist Lone Star, we are pretty pumped up about this concert. Even though it has been a while since they have had a number 1 hit, their songs have held popularity longer than most and are still played regularly on the radio. "Amazed" is still the #1 wedding song in the Nation!! This group brings energy, and excitement throughout the entire performance. Brian McComas will be opening for Lone Star and is a Nashville Recording artist himself. We are hoping to sell the house out and entertain La Pine like never before.

But don't take a break yet, Saturday evening we will have our Buck n' Boom with some new twists to it. We will be having Mini Bucking Ponies for the youth, Mini Bucking Bulls, Jr. Bulls and then the big boys in the actual Bull Riding. The top riders in the Jr. & Sr. Bulls will come back for a ride off to see who will be the Champion. The Mini Ponies and Mini Bulls are the new rage in Rodeo; in fact, the youth can qualify for National Finals in the Mini Ponies!!! We are excited to have them on board and a part of the La Pine Rodeo.

But we have just started, take a deep breath, put your boots and hat on because Sunday & Monday are non-stop NPRA Rodeo excitement. You will be sitting on the edge of your seat watching these cowboys and cowgirls compete in every rodeo event imaginable. They are going for year end points and chasing their dreams of being a Champion so we will be there encouraging and cheering them on. And of course we will have the ever-favorite Mutton Bustin' prior to the Rodeo each day for little Buckaroos!

You don't want to miss a second of the fun, bring your families and friends and stay with us in La Pine for 4 action packed days of fun, music, food and Rodeo. You can follow us for times and event schedules as we get closer either on our web-site [www.lapinerodeo.com](http://www.lapinerodeo.com) or on Face Book. Can't wait to see you all there!!!!