

IT'S TIME TO RODEO LAKE CHELAN RODEO FRIDAY & SATURDAY AUGUST 3 & 4, 2018



It's Rodeo Time, in the Lake Chelan Valley

**Rodeo Parade
Thurs., August 2**

CHELAN - Its Rodeo Time in Lake Chelan, Washington and in July and August you will see just as many pickups and horse trailers in the valley as convertibles and camp trailers with the Chelan Jr. Rodeo and Lake Chelan Rodeo bringing cowboys and cowgirls to the Lake Chelan Valley.

The Chelan FFA Alumni and the Chelan Rustlers invite you to take in the rodeo action this Friday and Saturday, August 3 and 4 at the Rodeo Grounds in Union Valley.

Rodeo Parade

Thursday, August 2

Rodeo activities kick off with the annual Rodeo Parade down mainstreet on Thursday, August 2. The parade starts at 7 p.m. and you are invited to line the parade route to see the horses, the kids, the pretty girls, cool cars, and dignitaries from all our surrounding communities.

Or if you wish, be more than just a bystander, fill out an application and put your business, club, or family in the parade. Drive your truck, ride your bike, or just ride with your friends. The Rodeo Parade is always a big hit. Forms are available at the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce and at All Seasons Rentals.

**Friday evening,
August 3**

Friday Family Night is presented by KOZI Radio Lake Chelan. KOZI. The gates open at 5 p.m. on Friday. You can purchase cowboy and cowgirl apparel from vendors and enjoy the burger from the FFA Alumni Cookshack, or an adult beverage in the beer garden.

The rodeo kicks off at 7:30 p.m. with the Grand Entry of visiting royalty, the Shadow



ABOVE: Chickens and children ran amuck during the "World Famous" Chicken Race.

RIGHT: Eric Roberts, 7, of Chelan was dressed in true rodeo clown spirit while enjoying the festivities with family at the 2017 Lake Chelan Rodeo.

Lake Chelan Mirror File Photo

Bay Belgians and the National Anthem.

Then we'll kick the tires and light the fires and crack the chutes with Ranch Bronc riding, Bareback Riding, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Saddle Bronc Riding, Tie Down Roping, Breakaway Roping, Barrel Racing, and Bull Riding.

Rodeo Clown and barrelman Kyle Bode will provide the entertainment and don't forget to get your kids (12 and Under) in "World Famous Chicken Race" presented by Slidewaters.

**Saturday morning,
August 4**

Saturday morning kicks off with a 64 year tradition of the

"Cowboy Breakfast" before the timed event slack performance from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. The cooks from the Chelan FFA Alumni will be turning out pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits and gravy or breakfast sandwiches.

The slack performance is free and is so that the contestants who can't fit the performance into their travel schedule can still make the rodeo and kicks off at 9 a.m.

**Saturday evening,
August 4**

A Blue and Gold Saturday Night—A tribute to the FFA is presented by Jim's Pumping. Jim's Pumping is owned and operated by Jim and Jeannie

Bishop. They are long time supporters of the Chelan FFA and lifetime members of the Chelan FFA Alumni. Their kids and grandkids were FFA members here in Chelan. They provide complete sanitation services from septic pumping to portable toilets.

The Grand Entry will feature local and state FFA Officers, a tribute to the FFA and FFA Advisors from around the state, visiting royalty and local dignitaries.

Following the rodeo action the beer garden will stay open until 11:45 p.m. on Friday and Saturday with music so that you can party 'till the cows

come home.

Tickets

Tickets are available at the Chelan Shell Foodmart. Pre-sale only Family Passes for 2 Adults and 3 students for \$35. Adults are \$11. Students and Seniors are \$7. Children 6 and under are free.

Free Parking for spectators. All Seats are general admission.

Rodeo Announcer

Rodeo Announcer, Tucker Cool returns to his hometown to bring you all the rodeo action.

Bullfighter

Professional bullfighter and rodeo clown Kyle Bode, will keep you in stitches.

Stock Contractor

The stock contractors are from Layton & McMillan Rodeos.

Rodeo Producer

The 2018 Lake Chelan Rodeo is produced by the Chelan FFA Alumni and all proceeds go to support the activities and members of the Chelan FFA Chapter.

So shine up your boots, put on your jeans and bring your hollerin' voice to the 2018 Lake Chelan Rodeo August 3 and 4 at the Rustlers Arena on Union Valley Road.



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Everyone loves a parade, candy

Chelan loves a parade and we have one almost any chance we can. The route isn't a long one, but we like to put them on. The Rodeo Parade has been a staple of the community since the 1930's. You don't have to be a cowboy or cowgirl to be in the parade. It's for everyone. So promote your business, ride your bike, ride your horse, walk your dog, just walk with your friends, drive your hot rod, or just walk and wave to the crowd. Just meet at the corner of Bradley Street and Johnson Avenue at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 2, fill out an entry form (available at the Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce and All Seasons Rentals) and you are in the Rodeo Parade. If you don't want to be in the parade, you still need to come and watch and wave to those folks that are. We've been doin' this for the past 80 plus years and want you to be a part of it. The parade starts at 7 p.m. and goes down Woodin Avenue, to Chelan Street, then up Johnson Avenue.

Chelan FFA Alumni produces the Lake Chelan Rodeo

By ROD COOL, LAKE CHELAN RODEO PRODUCTION MANAGER

CHELAN - The Chelan FFA Alumni produces the Lake Chelan Rodeo and all the proceeds go to support the activities and members of the Chelan FFA Chapter. The Chelan FFA Chapter is one of the 9 charter members of the Washington State FFA Association and have been around since the spring of 1930. In that time the Chelan FFA has become one of the premier chapters in the state.

The Chelan FFA lives the FFA Mission Statement—to develop student potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agriculture educa-

tion. In the past 16 years, Chelan FFA members have won 14 State Career Development Events including Horse Evaluation, Apple Judging, Forestry, and Hall of Chapters. In addition, they have placed in the Livestock, Ag Communications, Creed Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Employability Skills, Potato, and Tractor Driving CDEs at the State Level. As well as, being a 3-Star National Chapter Award Winner.

When it comes to leadership skills, Chelan FFA mem-

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bers stand out. 12 of the last 15 District VII FFA Presidents have come from the Chelan chapter. They have had four Washington State FFA Officers in the last 10 years including three State Presidents. Members have been featured on RFD-TV and have been invited to the White House as President's Champions of Change. In the FFA members learn to be public speakers, work as members of a team, and how to make quick decisions and then back them up.

Chelan FFA members are also dedicated to the community. Chapter members log over 2,000 hours a year of community service working on their own projects and in cooperation with local service groups. They have blue jackets and gold standards.

The Chelan FFA Alumni was founded in 1981 by a group of local farmers and FFA parents to support the efforts of the Chelan FFA chapter and its members and have been connected to the Lake Chelan Rodeo since that time. Walt Pierson was the FFA Advisor back then and was also a former Washington Rodeo Association (WRA) champion calf roper and steer wrestler. Rodeo is part of the DNA of our alumni affiliate. The Chelan FFA Alumni is proud to bring you the 2018 edition of the Lake Chelan Rodeo—Our greatest show on dirt in the prettiest place on earth.

Tucker Cool, rodeo announcer, returns to his hometown



Photo courtesy of Rod Cool

After starting his career here in the Lake Chelan Valley, Tucker Cool is one of the most sought-after voices in the Northwest rodeo industry.

By ROD COOL, LAKE CHELAN RODEO PRODUCTION MANAGER

CHELAN - Tucker Cool is a fourth-generation rodeo cowboy. In fact, his great-grandfather put on the very first Lake Chelan Rodeo 97 years ago on the beach in what now is Don Morse Park in 1921. His rodeo announcing career started right here in the Lake Chelan Rodeo Arena while he was still in high school when he announced the Chelan Jr. Rodeo. Now he is one of the most sought-after voices in the Northwest rodeo industry. His quick wit coupled with his cowboy knowledge from working both the roughstock and timed event ends of the arena in the Junior, High School, College, and Professional ranks. He has also been

the "Man in the Can" working as a rodeo clown as well. He also serves on the Professional Western Rodeo Association Board of Directors. So, he knows the rodeo business from top to bottom.

Tucker's ties to Chelan and the Chelan FFA run a little deeper than just the floor of rodeo arena dirt. He served as the Chelan FFA President, District VII President and Washington State FFA President. As well as, being on 3 state champion CDE Teams and a life member of the Chelan FFA Alumni. He works full time in the agri-

TUCKER MAKES HIS HOME IN DAVENPORT RAISING ROPING CALVES ON HIS RANCH WITH HIS WIFE HALEY AND SON WAYLON

culture industry as an Animal Nutritional Consultant for Cenex Harvest States and continues to work with FFA members around the Northwest as a livestock judge at fairs and putting on nutritional

seminars. He now makes his home in Davenport, Wash. with his wife Haley, raising cows and his two kids, Waylon and Bryndle.

We are proud to bring Tucker Cool back to his hometown and know you'll be entertained by his stories, and his own unique way of bringing rodeo to you.

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From the first ride to the last - Layton and McMillan stock will keep you on the edge of your seat

By Rod Cool, LAKE CHELAN RODEO PRODUCTION MANAGER

CHELAN - Mel Layton and Mark McMillan have been partners in the rodeo business for over 20 years. They pride themselves on bringing you the best rodeo performance possible every time a chute cracks at rodeo arenas all over the Northwest. So, after the Grand Entry has left the arena, The Anthem played, the Cowboy's Prayer said, and that first chute cracks at the Lake Chelan Rodeo 2018, they are responsible for the keeping you on the edge of your seat. From April through October they provide rodeo stock for 18 to 20 rodeo and each of them bring something

special to the arena. Mel Layton makes his home in Elk, Wash. with his wife Susie. Bulls have been a passion of his since he was a young man. Mel competed in the bull riding for a number of years and now, to stay involved in the sport, he has been buying and raising bucking bulls of his own. Bucking the bulls on Thursday nights at his home helps Mel weed out the bulls that don't buck and keep only the ones with potential. Mel has received many awards from the Pro-West for bucking bull of the year over the years. Mel also has many bulls that he has sent up to the PBR ranks that have made it to the PBR finals in Las Vegas. When Mel Layton brings bulls to a

rodeo you can be sure that you will be getting some of the best in the northwest. Mel's passion shines through. Mark McMillan, his wife Lynette, and their 10 children, Caleb, Riley, Hanna, Nick, Davey, Josh, Zane, Josie, Landon, and Ace; reside in Soap Lake, Washington where they raise bucking horses. Mark came through the ranks of rodeo riding bucking horses. Now he is focusing his attention on raising them. He started out buying saddle horses that were bucking people off and now has over 40 brood mares raising his future bucking horses. His whole family is involved in the operation and all take pride in the horses and how they buck. They have

earned multiple Pro-West Saddle Bronc and Bareback Horse of the Year awards. They strive to have a nice set of bareback horses and broncs that the cowboys like to ride and please the crowd as well. The McMillan's pride and love of their bucking horses can be seen in the way the horses look and perform. When you bring Layton and McMillan together, you are getting the best of both worlds—Rank Bulls and Outstanding Bucking Horses. Rodeo is their passion and well has their livelihood and they want to do everything they can to ensure the future of the sport. They will give you their best every time—Guaranteed.



Photo courtesy of Rod Cool
Packing the barrel during the bullriding is something that bullfighter and rodeo clown Kyle Bode takes pride in.

A little Lake Chelan Rodeo history

TOP TO BOTTOM
1958 Lake Chelan Rodeo at the current rodeo grounds.

1958 Lake Chelan Rodeo clowns.

Undated photo of Lake Chelan Rodeo royalty.

Photos courtesy of Lake Chelan Historical Society Museum

By Rod Cool

CHELAN - The first rodeo in Chelan was in 1921 on the beach between where the Marina (Lake Chelan) is located to up around the park swimming area. There was no arena just everyone's wagons, buggies, cars parked in a big circle.

It was a ranch rodeo between ranches up the Methow and Okanogan Valley and Walter Griffith (my grandfather) Ranch in Manson. The rodeo was held on his property at the end of orchard he operated at the location of present day Don Morse Park.

When the lake was raised, an arena was built on the just off the lakeshore and rodeos were held there every 4th of July until 1954, when the arena and grandstand was dismantled and moved to the present location. Part of the original grandstand was used up until the 1980's.

From 1950 to 1967 the rodeo was a RCA, now PRCA rodeo, and featured some of the biggest names in the business. In 1968 the rodeo became a WRA rodeo (now PWRA) and was that until 1996 when the rodeo went back to PRCA rodeo for three years and then back into the amateur ranks with PWRA.

This year due to scheduling conflicts with other PWRA sanctioned rodeos in Oregon the rodeo is an Open Rodeo and any and all competitors may enter regardless of affiliation or association.

The Chelan Rustlers produced the rodeo from 1954 to 2008. Rodeo Lake Chelan was produced by Steve Stamps and Greg Oules from 2009 to 2012, and now the Lake Chelan Rodeo is produced by the Chelan FFA Alumni.

Chelan has produced some pretty fair rodeo cowboys over last 97 years. In the late 1980's and early 1990's. It was almost the bull riding center of the universe with seven of the top 20 bull riders in the PRCA calling Chelan home. Greg Oules, Rob Sweeny, Justin Pitts, Lenny Holden, Si Holden, Del Holden, and Del Everanno. Chelan had a strong Jr. Rodeo throughout the 1970s and 80s and this led to the success of these young men. The Jr. Rodeo took a 21 year break was resurrected 13 years ago.



Rodeo clown Kyle Bode, is pursuing his passion

By Rod Cool, LAKE CHELAN RODEO PRODUCTION MANAGER

CHELAN - The Lake Chelan Rodeo would like you to meet Kyle Bode, Professional Bullfighter and Rodeo Clown.

"I grew up in the small town of Quincy, Wash. on a dairy farm. My father took me to a lot of rodeos when I was young, so my mother likes to blame him for my career choice. But the rodeo clown was naturally something that interested me the most, especially since I was a young wide eyed goofy lookin kid. After being involved in many other sports in high school I was always being active, so bullfighting and entertainment was an instant attraction for me. Now some years later I am pursuing my passion. Attending bullfighting and barrelman schools helped get a jumpstart in my career. After winning Top Gun Bullfighter at a freestyle in Liberty, Texas and Bullfight Champion at Hitchcock, Texas. I knew I had the capability to be one of the best, so I set out to climb the mountain.

One thing I really enjoy

"One thing I really enjoy doing the most is building and creating new acts."

-Kyle Bode, Professional Bullfighter and Rodeo Clown

doing the most is building and creating new acts. I'm a prop guy, I really like using things to add to the humor, like a slapstick comedy with a new age twist. Packing the barrel during the bullriding is something I take alot of pride in, helping out fellow bullfighters and bullriders is very rewarding, I also know how important it is to have a good man in the can from my bullfighting.

Rodeo has become a big part of my life, meeting new people, traveling and entertaining fans. I cannot wait for the road ahead."

And we can't wait to have Kyle at the 2018 Lake Chelan Rodeo August 3 and 4.

Rodeo fun for all the Lake Chelan Rodeo

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