

# IT'S TIME TO RODEO

Official  
Lake Chelan  
Rodeo Program



LAKE CHELAN RODEO  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY  
AUGUST 4 & 5, 2017



A supplement to the Lake Chelan Mirror

# It's Rodeo Time, in the Lake Chelan Valley

SUBMITTED BY ROD COOL, LAKE CHELAN RODEO PRODUCTION MANAGER

CHELAN - Its Rodeo Time in Lake Chelan, Washington and the last weekend in July and first weekend in August you will see just as many pickups and horse trailers in the valley as convertibles and camp trailers. Rodeo week kicked off with the Chelan Jr. Rodeo on July 29 and 30 (performances kicked off at 10 a.m. each day) and then this week we ramp things up with Pro-West Rodeo Action on Friday and Saturday August 4 and 5

The Junior Rodeo was free admission and featured cowgirls and cowboys from 2 to 18 competing in 51 different events.

The Chelan FFA Alumni and the Chelan Rustlers invite you to take in all the rodeo action that the Chelan Valley has to offer.

## Rodeo Parade Thursday, August 3

PWRA Rodeo activities kick off with the annual Rodeo Parade down mainstreet on Thursday, August 3. 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



Photo by RuthEdna Keys

The Shadow Bay Belgians from Watson's Havarene Resort will be part of the Grand Entry both Friday and Saturday nights at the Lake Chelan Rodeo.

friends. The Rodeo Parade is always a big hit.

## Friday evening, August 4

Friday Family Night is presented by KOZI Radio Lake Chelan. KOZI is part of the Icele Broadcasting family of stations. It has been our hometown radio for over 50 years. Its signature programming from local news, to live local sports broadcasts, to 2nd Cup programming make it so. KOZI is a long time supporter of the Lake Chelan Rodeo are they are proud to be the presenting sponsor for KOZI Family Night.

The gates open at 5 p.m. on Friday. You can purchase cowboy hats, commemorative t-shirts, and LuLaRoe apparel. 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 Bay Belgians, and the National Anthem. Then we'll kick the tires and light the fires and crack the chute on the Western States Ranch Rodeo Association (WSRRA), Ranch Bronc riding. The Professional Western Rodeo Association (PWRA) action kicks off next with 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 Slide-waters.

## Saturday morning, August 5

Saturday morning kicks off with a 63 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 5

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 the Shadow Bay Belgians from Watson's Havarene Resort, 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 2017 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 2017 Lake Chelan Rodeo August 4 and 5 at the Rustlers Arena on Union Valley Road.

# Tucker Cool, rodeo announcer, clown returns to his hometown

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



Photo courtesy of Rod Cool

Tucker Cool's 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 is 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 cham-

pion CDE Teams and a life member of the Chelan FFA Alumni. He works full-time in the agriculture 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 raising roping calves on his ranch with his wife Haley and son Waylon.

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.

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.



Dear Our Heavenly Father,

We pause mindful of the many blessings you have bestowed upon us. We ask that you will be with us at this rodeo and thank you for living in a country where we are free to gather as we are today. We thank you for guiding us in the arena of life. We don't ask for any special favors Lord. We don't ask for all daylight runs, to draw around a chute fightin' horse or a steer that won't lay. Just help us Lord, to live our lives in a way that when make our final run in the country up there, where the grass grows lush, green, and stirrup high and the water runs cool, clear, and deep, that you, as our final judge, will tells us, "All our entry fees are paid."

## Who will win?



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Come find out who will be the winner at this year's rodeo, the cowboys and cowgirls or the animals. This year's Lake Chelan Rodeo will be action-packed with Ranch Bronc Riding, Bareback Riding, Steer Wrestling, Team Roping, Saddle Bronc Riding, Tie Down Roping, Breakaway Roping, Barrel Racing, and Bull Riding.

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

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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 2017, the men responsible for the keeping you on the edge of your seat are the award winning duo of Mel Layton and Mark McMillan. Twenty years ago they formed Layton and McMillan Rodeos. They provide the stock for 15 to 18 rodeos a year all over the Northwest. Each partner brings something special to the table.

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 new baby Ace; reside in Soap Lake, Wash. 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

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# STOCK CONTRACTOR Rodeo clown Kyle Bode, is pursuing his passion

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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 me get a jumpstart in my career. After winning Top Gun Bullfighter at a freestyle in Liberty, Texas

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

-Kyle Bode, Professional Bullfighter and Rodeo Clown

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 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 a lot 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

Photos courtesy of Layton and McMillan Rodeo  
Layton and McMillan Rodeos have been providing stock for 15-18 rodeos a year all over the Northwest. Bringing Layton and McMillan together, you get the best of both worlds, rank bulls and outstanding bucking horses.

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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.

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Packing the barrel during the bullriding is something that bullfighter and rodeo clown Kyle Bode take pride in.

from my bullfighting. Rodeo has become a big part of my life, meeting new people, traveling and entertaining fans. I can't wait for the road ahead." And we can't wait to have Kyle at the 2017 Lake Chelan Rodeo August 4 and 5.



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# Ranch Bronc Riding, the old west comes alive

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When the summer sun dips behind the hill and the lights come on at the Lake Chelan Rodeo, spectators will be in for a treat. Ranch Bronc Riding will be the first event of each performance.

The Rodeo will feature all the traditional events of Bareback Riding, Saddle-bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Tie Down Roping, Team Roping Breakaway Roping, and Barrel Racing and organizers believe that spectators will love the Ranch Bronc Riding. It is sanctioned by the Western States Ranch Rodeo Association and open to working cowboys from all over the Western U.S. The rules of ranch bronc riding are a little different—first to ride in the ranch bronc riding you have to be employed on a working cow ranch as either a full-time or day working cowboy. Second the cowboy rides with a stock saddle not an



Photo courtesy of Rod Cool

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association saddle. Third he may ride with two hands on the bronc rein or one on the rein and one on his rope or nightlatch. And fourth the cowboy is required to stay on

for 10 seconds instead of the usual 8 seconds. Cowboys can earn more points for fanning the bronc with their hat. It's going to be western, wild, and wooly.

It's a chance to see the old west come alive right before your very eyes. So don't miss this opportunity to travel back in time and capture the spirit of west.

*It takes a lot of cowboys and cowgirls to put together the Lake Chelan Rodeo*

**Rodeo Chairman:** Rod Cool

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**Announcer:** Tucker Cool, Davenport

**Rodeo Clown/Barrelman:** Kyle Bode, Quincy

**Bullfighters:** Josh Canode, Davenport; Cheyne Anderson, Elk

**Stock Contractors:** Layton and McMillan Rodeos, Mel Layton, Elk; Mark McMillan, Soap Lake

**Associations:** Pro-West Rodeo Association, Western States Ranch Bronc Riders Association

# Chelan FFA Alumni produces the Lake Chelan Rodeo

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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 nine 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. With the support of the Chelan FFA Alumni, the 194 members of the Chelan FFA have been able to do many good things.

The Chelan FFA lives the FFA Mission Statement—to develop student potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agriculture education. In the past 15 years, Chelan FFA members

have won 14 State Career Development Events including Horse Evaluation, Apple Judging, Forestry, and Hall of Chapters.

When it comes to leadership skills, Chelan FFA members 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. This year the Chelan Chapter had 14 State FFA Degree recipients and the State District Farmer, and the State Star in Placement.

Chelan FFA members are also dedicated to the community. Chapter members

**THE CHELAN FFA CHAPTER WAS FORMED IN THE SPRING OF 1930 AND HAS BECOME ONE OF THE PREMIER CHAPTERS IN WASHINGTON STATE**



Photo courtesy of Rod Cool

2016 State Champion Horse Team.

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. The Chelan FFA Alumni is proud to bring you the 2017 edition of the Lake Chelan Rodeo. Our greatest show on dirt in the prettiest place on earth.

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**ABOVE:** Cowgirls competing in the breakaway roping event wait for the event to begin at the 2015 Lake Chelan Rodeo.

**BELOW:** Honey Badger the bull charges at the fence after bucking his bullrider off in the bullriding event during the 2015 Lake Chelan Rodeo.



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