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Thousands turn out for Freedom Rodeo, despite heat

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BASIN CITY — Thousands of rodeo fans turned out June 25-26 to watch the second Freedom Rodeo.

Temperatures neared 100 degrees at performance time Friday night and topped 105 degrees at the start of Saturday's rodeo.

To keep cool, several fans put on canopies on the rim of the arena, while at least one family brought a toddler wading pool and filled it with water.

In addition to regular events, the Freedom Rodeo had a large field of young competitors in mutton bustin', calf riding, a calf scramble, and a chicken scramble. Adults took to the arena for two rounds of wild cow milking each night.

Competitors came from across the Pacific

Northwest, as well as from as far away as Arizona, Oklahoma, and Hawaii.

Registered Whitman County area competitors included Andy Hennigar, of Colfax, competing in team roping, and Sydney Berquist, of LaCrosse, racing barrels and break-away roping. And from just across the border near Palouse, Amber Alsterlund, of Potlatch, Idaho, competed in barrel racing.

They didn't place for money. Their times and scores were not available.

In the two days of rodeo, not one cowboy completed a qualified bull ride, and only a couple managed broncs.

Jake Olson, of Silverdale, had the only qualified bareback ride, scoring 63 points and taking home the \$1,500 purse.

In saddle bronc, up-



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Steer leaps over Wylie Karas, of Zillah (above). Landon Moran gets bucked off a sheep during mutton bustin' action (left).

and-coming cowboy Clay Buchert, of Tonasket, held on for the only qualified ride. He claimed \$1,300 on his 67-point ride.

In tie-down roping, Nathan Clawson, of Olympia, led competitors with a 9.6-second run, good enough for \$1,280.

Break-away roper Makenly Davis, of Pendleton, Ore., made short work of her competition, out-pacing second place

by nearly fourth-tenths of a second. Her run of 2.22 seconds was good for \$1,450.

Ryan Bothum traveled from his hometown of Checotah, Okla., to Basin City to compete in steer wrestling, also called bulldogging. Diving from his horse and grabbing his steer by the horns, he wrestled it to the ground in 4.6 seconds, earning \$1,000.

The fastest team rop-

ers in the field this year were Jack Fischer, of Ellensburg, and Brent Falon, of Yakima. The header and heeler combination lassoed their prey in 4.5 seconds to earn \$1,173.

Omak's Krista Marchand was the fast-

est competitor in barrels, completing the cloverleaf pattern in 17.50 seconds to take home \$1,653. Marchand added another \$250 in prize money by finishing sixth in break-away roping in a time of 3.40 seconds.



Rosalia hosts RHRA rodeo weekend

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ROSALIA — Cowboys and cowgirls gathered to rope, wrestle, and ride at the Rosalia Rodeo Grounds for two competitions on June 19-20.

Each day was a separate rodeo for competitors of all ages. Parents and kids got the chance to compete.

Rodeos are scheduled for two more weekends in 2021. The next rodeos are on July 17-18, and one more series on Aug. 21-22.

Rolling Hills Rodeo Association (RHRA) is a non-profit organization promoting "the western traditions and values through educating youth in the sport of rodeo with an emphasis on safety and growth," stated organizers.

The rodeo grounds are on Gashouse Road.

Here are the top three competitors for the June 19 rodeo:

- Barrels - Leadline - Eliza Bailey, Hadie Brash, Bo Rajewski
- Barrels 7 & Under - Lyla Salois, Everett Bailey, Cavan Brash
- Barrels 8-11 - Jackson Chrisman, Jayce Chrisman, Clay Fouts
- Barrels 12-16 - Richard Andrew, Ellie Bageant, Hayley Baker
- Barrels 17-39 - Mandy Cabral, Teresa Chrisman, Cleora Howard
- Barrels 40+ - Rebecca Fouts, Patti McKeown, Cal Salois
- Breakaway 12-16 - Hayley Baker, Emma Birch, Sadie Fouts
- Breakaway 17-39 - Mandy Cabral, Teresa Chrisman, Shawn Brash
- Breakaway 40+ - Jeremiah Reilly, Katie Bageant
- Cal Stake 7 & Under

- Lyla Salois, Everett Bailey, Cavan Brash
- Cal Stake - Leadline - Eliza Bailey, Hadie Brash, Chett Raulston
- Calf Tracking - Sam Wilson, Austynn Brash, Jayce Chrisman
- Dummy Roping 7 & Under - Everett Bailey, Cavan Brash, Joylyn McAdams
- Dummy Roping 8-11 - Jackson Chrisman, Tayvin Wells, Bryn Rajewski
- Goat Flanking 7 & Under - Lyla Salois, Everett Bailey, Cavan Brash
- Goat Tying 8-11 - Sam Wilson, Jayce Chrisman, Clay Fouts
- Goat tying 12-16 - Ellie Bageant, Hayley Baker
- Goat Tying 17-39 - Mandy Cabral, Teresa Chrisman, Amy Pilloud
- Goat Tying 40+ - Cal Salois, Michele Wood, Josh Wood
- Goat Undecorating - Eliza Bailey, Harlie Brash, Bo Rajewski
- Open Team Roping - Arena Wells and Matt Wells, Jeremiah Reilly and Shawn Brash, Eddie Bageant and Josh Chrisman
- Pole bending 8-11 - Jayce Chrisman, Jackson Chrisman, Austynn Brash
- Pole bending 12-16 - Richard Andrew, Ellie Bageant, Hayley Baker
- Pole bending 17-39 - Mandy Cabral, Teresa Chrisman, Cleora Howard
- Pole bending 40+ - Teresa Adams, Rebecca Faults, Patti McKeown
- Steer Daubing - Emma Wilson, Richard Andrew, Ellie Bageant

- Ruby Smith, Chett Ralston, Harlie Brash
- Barrels 7 & Under - Hazel Smith, Joylynn McAdams, Kasey Kane
- Barrels 8-11 - Sam Wilson, Tayvin Wells, Violet Smith
- Barrels 12-16 - Makenzie Bennett, Riley Bennett, Emma Wilson
- Barrels 17-39 - Avery Owens, Roxanne Koler, Cleora Howard
- Barrels 40+ - Michele Wood, Josh Wood, Anna Wilson
- Breakaway 12-16 - Emma Wilson, Alvina Whetzel, Arena Wells
- Breakaway 17-39 - Teresa Chrisman, Mandy Cabral, Shawn Brash
- Breakaway 40+ - Anna Wilson, Jeremiah Reilly, Katie Bageant
- Cal Stake 7 & Under - Hazel Smith, Joylynn McAdams, Cavan Brash
- Cal Stake - Leadline - Ruby Smith, Chett Raulston, Bo Rajewski,
- Calf Tracking 8-11 - Sam Wilson, Trent Frederick Clay Fouts
- Dummy Roping 7 & Under - Cavan Brash, Joylyn McAdams, Kasey Kane
- Dummy Roping 8-11 - Tayvin Wells, Violet Smith, Garrett Kane
- Goat Flanking 7 & Under - Hazel Smith, Joylyn McAdams, Kasey Kane
- Goat Tying 8-11 - Sam Wilson, Tayvin Wells, Violet Smith
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- Barrels - Leadline

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