

Chief Joseph Days is July 27-30

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JOSEPH — Ticket sales are hot for the four nights of pro rodeo action at the 2022 Chief Joseph Days Rodeo July 27-30 at Harley Tucker Arena, 405 W. Wallowa Ave.

Terry Jones, Chief Joseph Days Rodeo president, said the rodeo court's ticket sales set a record for highest dollar amount — as of the queen's coronation April 16 the court members had sold \$122,000. Despite a slight increase in ticket prices, sales at the rodeo office in Joseph have been brisk as well.

"Reserved tickets for Friday and Saturday night are almost sold out, but general admission tickets are still available," Jones said.

Fans won't be disappointed as the rodeo is working to bring in the best talent — both top and up-and-coming cowboys and cowgirls in the Pro Rodeo Cowboy Association and the Women's Professional Rodeo Association.

Competing for participants against Frontier Days in Cheyenne, Wyoming, has always been tricky, livestock consultant John Growney said, but competition among other rodeos the last weekend of July is getting fierce.

A former rodeo stock contractor turned consultant, Growney said he is bringing in some of the best broncs and bulls available from a pool of four stock providers to Chief Joseph Days.

"I know all the cowboys and the best parts of the contractor's herds and bring them to Joseph," Growney said.



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A bronc rider hangs on during a previous Chief Joseph Days rodeo. This year's rodeo will be July 27-31, 2022, in Joseph.

"It raised the bar on the quality of the livestock."

Brand new to Chief Joseph Days this year is break-away roping. Jones said they have 10 slots a night for the women's roping competition and he expects

to fill them.

"Break-away roping is becoming more and more popular at rodeos and is giving women who competed as college athletes an opportunity to compete as professionals," Growney said.



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