

BRIDWELL BRINGS HORSES AND EVERYTHING ELSE

Ellen Morris Bishop CJD rodeo broncs stampede down Joseph's Main Street Tuesday afternoon to kick off the start of the Chief Joseph Days Rodeo.

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odeos don't happen all by themselves. Somebody has to bring in the stock. Bridwell Pro Rodeos fits the bill for Chief Joseph Days.

This year, expect to see horses and bulls who are bred to buck, but who take life easy when they are not performing.

Two of the bucking horses you'll see

at Chief Joseph Days are rodeo royalty. Bareback horse Scarlet Lady is a sixyear-old bay mare. "She weighs around 1150 pounds, and stands about 16 hands," said stock contractor Tim Bridwell. "She loves to buck. She's an athlete, but she's also a gentle mare who's good to be around." Her sire is Scarlett Letter, a famous JBarJ horse, who was one of the best buckers ever. Last year Scarlet Lady delivered the winning bareback ride of Chief Joseph Days to bronc rider Clay Bigelow. She's also made great rides at the National Finals Rodeo last year, Bridwell said.

Beaver Bend, a big seven-yearold sorrel (chestnut) gelding will be in the saddle bronc chute. He's Scarlet Lady's half-brother — the two have the same sire. Beaver Bend's mom, Beaver Fever, was one of the top performing rodeo horses of all time. She passed away last year at the age of 25. Whoever draws her son at Chief Joseph Days is going to get a great ride.

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