

Annual rodeo brings thrills, spills, excitement

by Pat Leno-Baker

The annual rite of spring, in Warm Springs, at least for local cowboys, has been the annual Root Feast rodeo. The rodeo was held April 12 and 13 at the

new rodeo arena. Each year cowboys, cowgirls and spectators all agree that the most uncertain event of each rodeo is the weather. 'This year as usual, "old mother nature" was in great form, bringing rain, snow, sleet, wind and sunshine to add variety to the

two-day rodeo. On Saturday afternoon, the crowds huddled against the wind and rain to watch the rodeo. The rain settled the dust and the spectators were able to watch the rodeo without any dust blowing in their faces. The stock

seemed to thrive on the rain and gave the contestants a go for their money.

On Sunday the weather improved with a few brief moments of sunshine—a ray of hope that perhaps the weather had changed and brought warmth back to the area. The sunshine was short-lived as the high temperature was in the 50s.

Regardless of the weather, the crowds of spectators and contestants were at the grounds for performances both days.

Winning the bareback honors went to Willie Olney (63) of White Swan, Washington with a second place to Lance Bannon (61) of Prineville and third to Rich Partin (54) of Lakeview.

Saddle bronc rider Rob McClean of Paulina took first with a score of 58. Terry Parrish of Sprague River took second (55) and third went to Shane Olney (54) of White Swan.

An event that was called calf riding which many, including announcer Chunky Robinson, thought should have been called

bull calf riding proved to be a rough and tumble event for those cowboys and cowgirls 12 years and under. The event was won by Mike Romine of Redmond with a score of 50.

Completing his ride with a final score 48 gave John Schnaffen of Redmond a second place with third going to Jeremy Symons of Madras with a score of 45.

Team roping paid winners each day. Saturday's winners were John Leavitt, Spray and John Alps, Madras with a time of 13.93. The team of Danny Scott and Larry Marshall both of Warm Springs took second with a time of 16.39. Two other Warm Springs ropers took third place, Roscoe Thompson and Ned Hurtado had a time of 27.92.

On Sunday ropers turned in faster times, with the team of Jeff Worley, Spray, and Randy Warnock, Antelope, turning in a time of 8.44 Steve Schnable of Redmond and John McFarland, Terrebonne, tied up second place

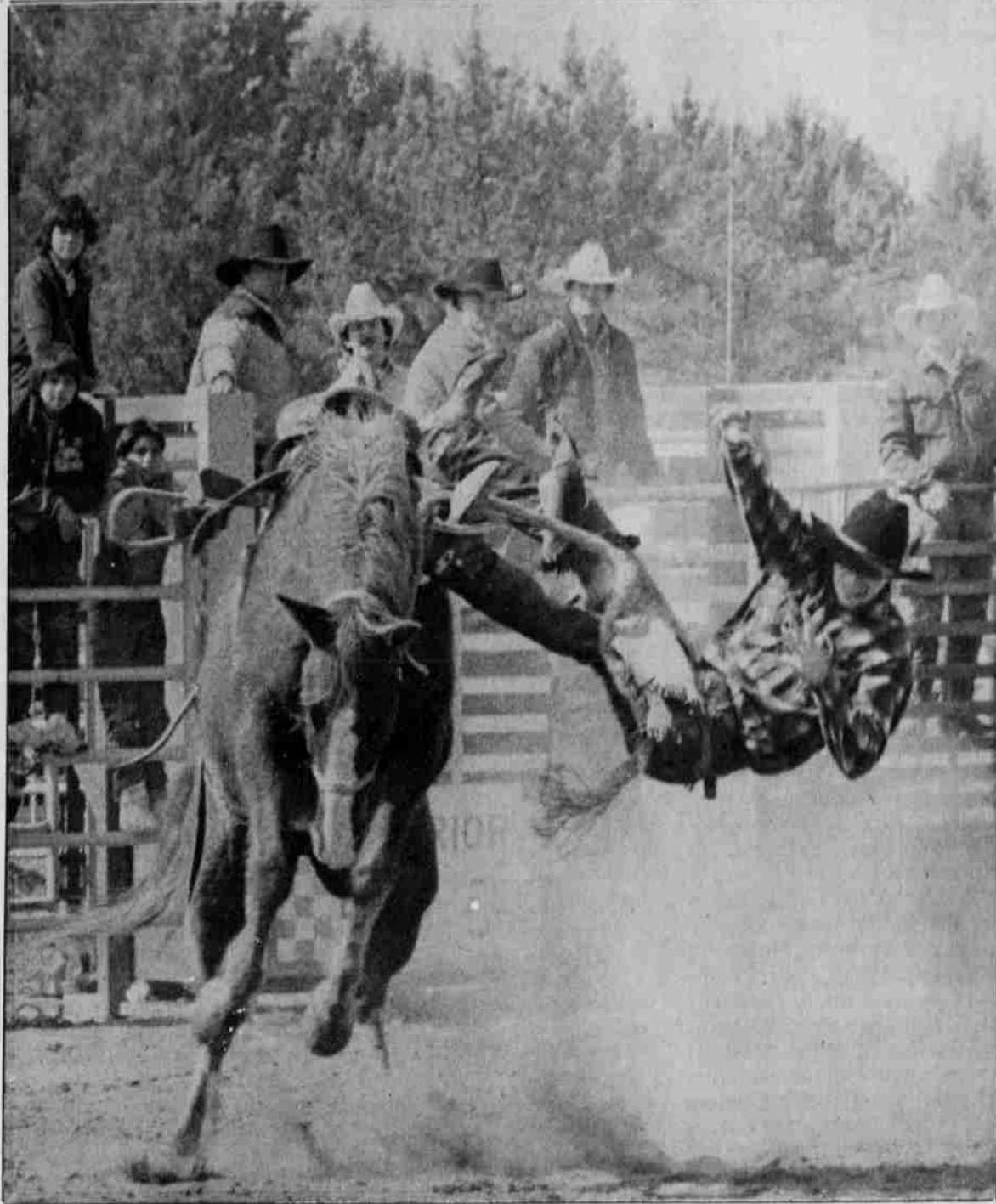
with a time of 13.54. Third place went to a Madras team of Jerry Patterson and Lowell Patterson with a time of 14.14.

Barrels were won by DeeDee Schumaker, Bend, with a run of 16.78. Lucy Schnable of Redmond took second with a time of 16.96. Third went to Diane Koops, Prineville, with a time of 17.05. Toni Hagen, Maupin, took fourth with a time of 17.36.

In junior barrels Jeremy Symons, Madras, turned the barrels in 19.54, a time that took first. In second place, Shirley Allen of Warm Springs, had a time of 19.72.

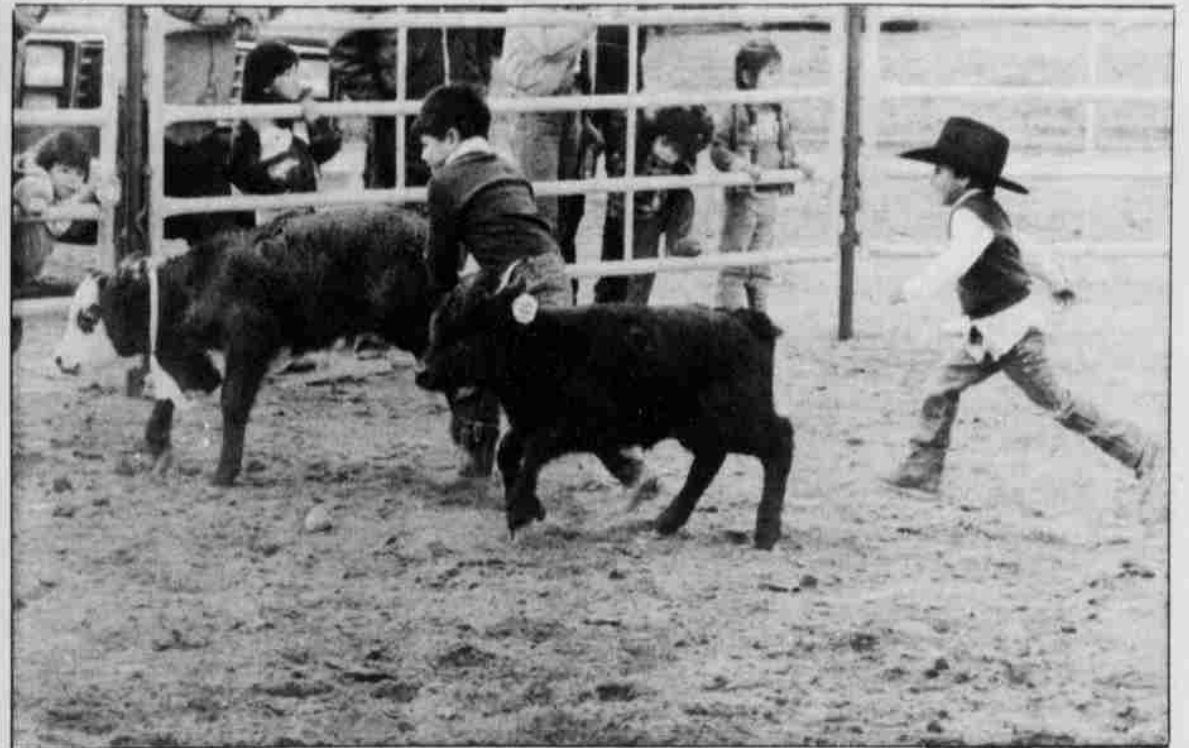
The crowd thriller for each show was the final event, wild horse racing. The Jason Smith team and the Buck Smith team split first and second places.

Jason's team consisted of Jason, Anson Begay and Edison Yazzie, better known as the 1985 Wild Horse Champions in the nation. Buck is the father of Jason, so pitting the two teams proved to be a real crowd pleaser.



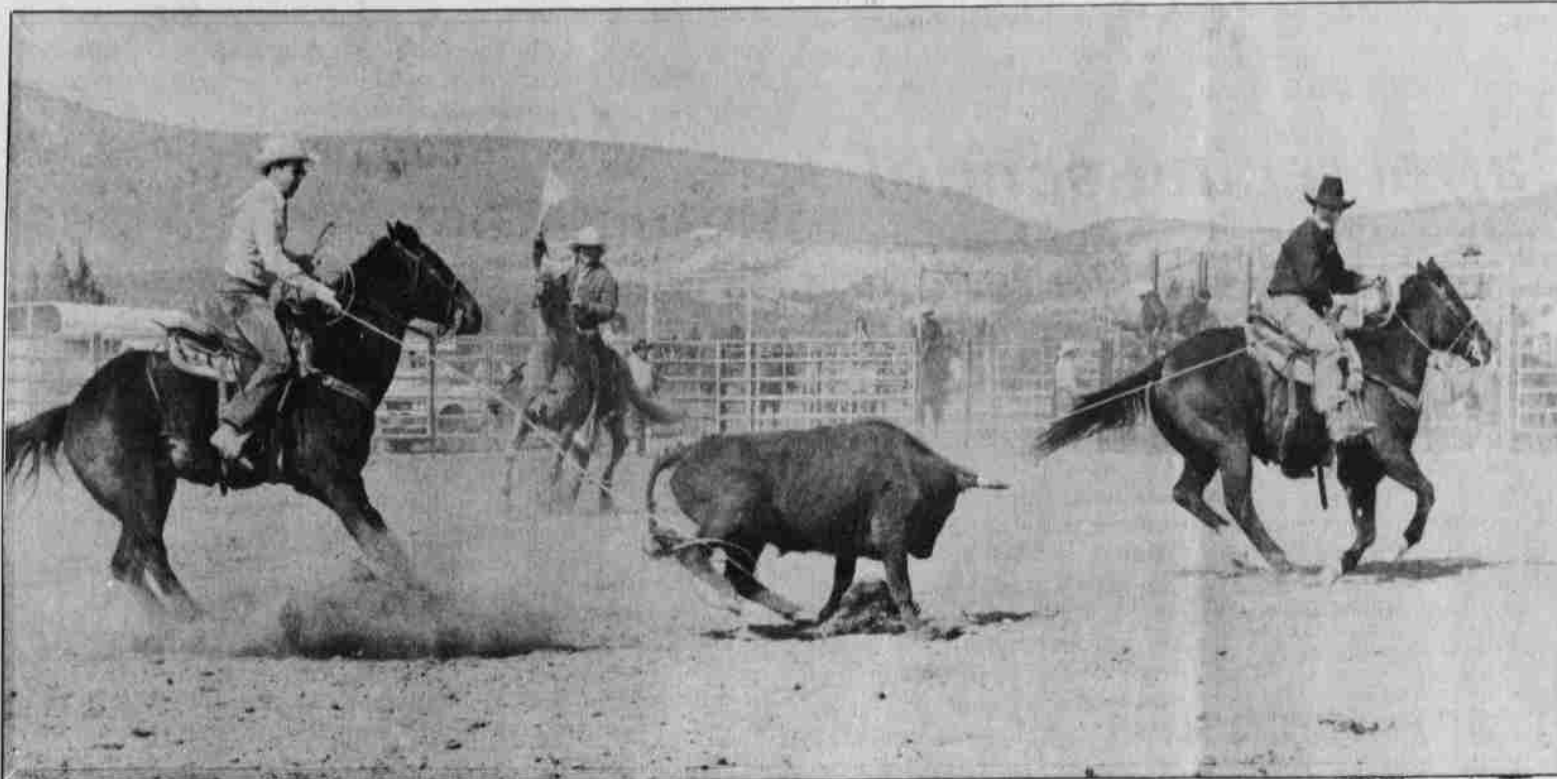
Going to be eating a little dust. . .

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Leno-Baker



Grab the ribbon and run. . .

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Going for a double hock. . .

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Rating a barrel. . .

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Rough and ready rodeo planned for Tygh Valley

For a rip-snorting, rough and ready rodeo, plan to attend the 1986 All-Indian Rodeo sponsored by the Tywama Saddle Club May 17 and 18 at Tygh Valley.

Each year the Tygh Valley rodeo draws contestants from throughout the Western States and Canada. Crowds of spectators arrive to watch the rodeo and many just set up their campers and stay at the rodeo grounds for the entire weekend.

Events planned for the week are a western dance Friday and Saturday at 9 p.m.; queen selection Saturday at 11 a.m.; Indian Arts and Crafts Fair throughout the weekend; Senior Citizen Day Sunday with admission for half price; Buckaroo Breakfast Sunday from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. and; a shuttle which will run from the rodeo grounds to Tygh Valley at various times during the day.

Camper parking at the grounds will be \$3 for the weekend. Parking for cars will be \$1 a day. Admission to rodeo the will be \$5 and kids \$2.

Rodeo events are saddle bronc with a purse of \$500; bareback with a purse of \$450; bull riding with a purse of \$450, open to the first 32 paid entries; bull dogging

purse of \$400; calf roping purse of \$400; wild cow milking purse of \$400; team roping purse \$400; girls barrel racing purse \$400 and wild horse race purse \$400, entries to first eight teams, no set up and no trade outs. Entry fee for events is \$45 per event except team roping which is \$90 per team. In team roping, ropers must enter as team.

Buckles will be awarded in all events. A "top hand" saddle will be awarded to person entered in a timed event and a judged event; to the top money winner in each a judged and timed event.

Entries open May 2, 1986 and close May 14 at 9 p.m. Mail entries to Ginger Johnson, P.O. Box 541, or phone (503) 553-1750, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761. Enclose entry fees or Western States Indian Rodeo Association card number. Telegraphed money will not be accepted. Send money orders. At the rodeo only cash or money orders will be accepted. No Canadian money. Hometown and permit holders must have entry fees paid by May 14. Permits must be purchased by noon on Saturday, May 17. Telephone entries must have current WSIRA card.

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The scheduled for Peewees rodeo's for the season is as follows: May 10 Saturday, May 18, Sunday, June 8 Sunday, July 20 Sunday, July 20 Sunday, August 23 Saturday, September 6-7 Saturday and Sunday. Peewee finals.

All rodeos listed are at the Crooked River Ranch. Sign up time for individual rodeos is 10:30 a.m.

Rodeo tradition carries on

Carrying on the family tradition of rodeoing is Justin Tom, 7, who won the "all-around cowboy" at the PeeWee rodeo held at the indoor arena in Prineville, Oregon April 20. Justin's grandfather, Elmer Tom, was active in rodeos for many years, his great-grandfather, Sam Wewa, was known for his horsemanship; his great-uncles Bull and Jazzie Wewa both rodeoed actively for many years; his father, Lee Tom, is a well-known saddle bronc rider. At the April 20 rodeo Justin won two first-place ribbons—one in bucking ponies with a score of 57 (he was the only one to receive a score) and goat tying. He tied his goat with a time of 19.75. He received two second-place red ribbons in poles with a time of 24.13 and in calf riding with a score of 66 (he tied second with Cassie Walker). In the barrels he ran a time of 17.89 which was a third-place win for him. Justin presently sits second in "all-around" standings with a total of 29 points. Leading is Ryan Riley with 30 points. The winner at the end of the season will be awarded a saddle. The Peewee rodeos are put on by the Central Oregon Peewee Association. The rodeos are for children ages five to 14 years. His father, Lee, stated that Justin could go ahead in the next few rodeos because "he is in a class of his own."

Rodeo school begins May 8

Have you ever thought about trying your hand at the saddle bronc or bareback riding but felt you could use a little schooling or assistance with the finer points of climbing on a bucking horse. Well, the Warm Springs Rodeo School is slated to be held at the new Warm Springs Rodeo Association arena May 8, 9 and 10. Teaching the finer art of bareback riding will be Joe Ruda one-time National Finals Rodeo (NFR), five-time Columbia River Circuit (CRC) and top twenty 1983-84. Butch Knowles will teach saddle bronc. Knowles has been four times NFR, CRC champ, National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA) champ and AA Collegiate Regional champ.

Registration fee per student, per event is \$200 with a \$50 advance fee required by May 2, 1986. All payments must be by money order made payable to Cheryl Tom, P.O. Box 579, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761 or Carol Wewa, P.O. Box 744, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761.

Sponsorship jackets will be given to each student. A "most improved cowboy" will be awarded in each event. Students will be required to sign a waiver of release from liability. All minors enrolled in the three-day school must have parent/guardian signatures. For more information contact Lee Tom, 8 p.m. to 5 p.m. at (503) 553-1161, ext. 311 or 312, after 5 p.m. (503) 553-1009; or Cheryl Tom or Carol Wewa at (503) 553-1161, ext. 300, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.