

Rodeo action returns to Enterprise

Mountain High Broncs and Bulls rodeo is June 26

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ENTERPRISE — Mountain High Broncs and Bulls rodeo is back — complete with champion saddle bronc and bull riders, along with prizes and games for all ages.

Admission is free.

The Mountain High Broncs and Bulls Rodeo starts at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the Wallowa County Fairgrounds in Enterprise.

Lee Daggett, a member of the Broncs and Bulls board of directors, said the enthusiasm from contestants, sponsors, volunteers and spectators is high.

“Last year we got ‘COVIDed out’ like everyone else, but we are definitely a go,” Daggett said. “The response and positivity have been incredible.”

So far, Gabe McKay of Juntura is the returning saddle bronc champion. Past saddle bronc Western States Ranch Rodeo Association champion Mike McBeth of Prineville is also scheduled to appear, as is bull rider Justin Ketzenberg from Yakima.

Professional wild horse racing returns where teams of three capture, bridle, mount and ride a bucking horse around the arena.

For the teens, Broncs and Bulls has added wild pony racing — similar style of event and excitement to wild horse racing, but with ponies.

While rodeo bronc and bull riders are sending in their entry forms, Daggett said the food vendors are all booked and the Elks Club will run the beer garden.

The entertainment begins with mutton busting, a crowd favorite, where tiny tots gear up to ride a sheep. Mutton busting will be followed by wild pony racing ahead of the grand entry.

Other events during rodeo



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Mountain High Broncs and Bulls returns to the Wallowa County Fairgrounds June 26 with all the excitement of bucking roughstock and wild horse racing.

breaks will be four rounds of “\$20 the Hard Way” where kids are let loose in the arena along with a

sheep with a \$20 bill attached to it.

For the grown ups, Daggett said Broncs and Bulls has a new game,

“Bull Poker.” As card players deal a round of poker a bull is sent into the arena. The last poker player at

the table wins.

The rodeo will be nationally televised, filmed by Lion’s Productions Montana. Daggett said the channel and air time are yet to be announced, but with all of the sponsorship support, he emphasized that the rodeo is free to everyone.

“We want this to be an affordable, fun, family event,” Daggett said.

For more information visit <https://mountainhighrodeo.com>.

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Where: Wallowa County Fairgrounds, Enterprise

Admission: Free

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