

FARM-CITY PRO RODEO



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The Farm-City Pro Rodeo arena was freshly groomed Thursday night in preparation for the Farm-City Pro Rodeo Ladies final rehearsal. Volunteers and rodeo directors have been making final preparations on the arena and grounds at the fairgrounds in preparation for the 2015 rodeo.

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nostalgia about the last rodeo in the old arena, but people are also looking forward to the challenge of filling a bigger space outside of town.

“There is excitement for the new arena,” she said. “There will be a new feel, a new look. We’ll have to create our own atmosphere out there.”

She said her first time riding into that arena made her feel like she was a part of something big. Since then she has enjoyed watching the rodeo grow.

Bothum has enjoyed watching the rodeo grow, too. Earlier this year the Farm-City Pro Rodeo was given the Remuda Award, meaning cowboys across the country voted the rodeo’s stock as the best in the nation. More contestants are registered to compete in this year’s rodeo than ever before.

He said none of that would be possible without the hundreds of community members who have pitched in over the years to help with everything from painting to landscaping to keep the arena rodeo-ready.

“It’s going to be hard to see this one torn down,” he said. “It’s been a labor of love.”

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