

DARBY RODEO ROUNDUP

DARBY RODEO ASSOCIATION

June 2018



CALENDAR

June 16

Charity Golf
Tournament

June 22 & 23

Sr Pro Rodeo

July 6 & 7

Elite Bull
Connection

August 4

Ranch Rodeo

August 11 - 12

Mounted Shooters

August 16

High Country
Cowboys
Dinner/
Auction/Concert

September 14 & 15

Broncs & Barrels

Coming Late 2018

Season
Mini Buckers

ARENA IMPROVEMENTS

We're Improving Things for You! "C" is for Cow but it's also for Capital Improvements. And, boy howdy, have we been working! But not just the DRA Board. Our sponsors like R&R Conner have redone the holding pens. Whoa, really?! Let's round-up a huge THANK YOU! We know our cowboys, cowgirls, and livestock will sure appreciate these safer, sturdier, and better looking pens.

Did someone say PARTY DECK? We sure did and it's thanks to more generous sponsors. The 5280 Group and

Let 'R Buck Posse are funding the creation of a Party Deck Platform! How great is that? We are removing the East Side Run & Gun seats to provide for an open deck for rent during events for you and your friends, or business. The deck offers pub tables, bench seating and bar. The East Run & Gun seats are lowered for additional seating with an elevated view and offered at a season ticket price.

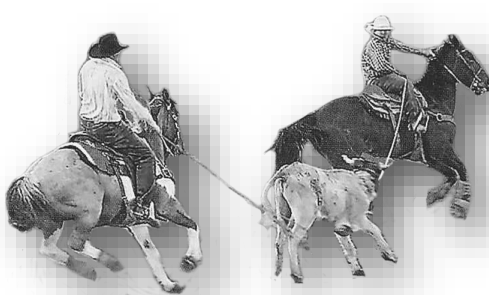
But WAIT, there's more! The Ravalli Electric Co-op provided free installation for a 50

foot lightning rod installed on the Arena's North end. We also supplied power to the North end of the grounds, painted, and refreshed the chutes, and with the hire of Job Corp resources, we refurbished the east side bleachers and are painting structures. We hope to focus on Quonset Hut improvements this year too!



NATIONAL SENIOR PRO RODEO

Rodeo Fans! Come ride with us into the season with the National Senior Pro Rodeo including rough stock this year. Dates are Friday, June 22nd and Saturday, June 23rd.

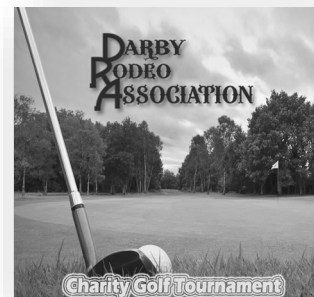


Gates open at 4 p.m. and events start at 6 p.m. *(Please note: previous plans were also for the 19th and 20th. There is no Rodeo for those dates now in Darby.)*

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

You might not wanna put your pockets on a buckin' bronc or bull but if you put them on a golf cart & seat you'll have a chance to win the first place prize of BUCKLES for you and your

team! Saturday, June 16th at Hamilton Golf Club. Check-in: 8 a.m. and Shotgun Starts at 9 a.m. Awards Dinner & Live Auction following golf. **For more info call Paul Benson (406) 821-0045**



DRA TAKES PRIDE IN OUR YOUTH

The DRA has sponsored youth rodeo for many years. With the fantastic facility and support from the local community this program has continued to grow with SIX youth rodeos for 2018.

It's with pride that the DRA and the Ravalli County Jr. Rodeo Association (RCJR), offer this quality entertainment to Southwestern Montana. The RCJR (founded as a youth rodeo program) attracts local competitors ages one to 18, as well as competitors from surrounding communities. The RCJR's focuses on a return to country roots and educating youth on the

"Western Way of Life." Beautiful western buckles are awarded to champions in every division along with all-around champion cowgirl and cowboy buckles. Contestants also receive saddle pads, coats, tack, and gear for up to fourth place in each event. The RCJR believes that Junior Rodeos



build a strong foundation of character, discipline, and self-esteem in our youth. And also, the DRA feels that bringing our Western Heritage to our young people forms strong family bonds and sets the stage for tomorrow's rodeo athletes to carry on this rich western tradition.

The Association members look forward to meeting you at a rodeo this year. Please look for updates and the current rodeo schedule on Facebook at Ravalli County Jr. Rodeo.

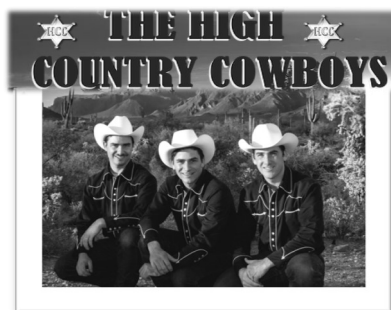
HIGH COUNTRY COWBOYS

Let's Rock the Night Away with the High Country Cowboys who roll into the Quonset Hut August 16th!

This year the DRA and Double H Custom Hats host the High Country Cowboys! These are major recording artists from our own Red Lodge, Montana who have a bucket full of CDs and sold out performances hither and yonder.

Join us for this magical night under the stars with a great meal included in your ticket

price. Check-in is at 5 p.m. Live Auction follows dinner. Dinner Entertainment by Bob Weber singer/ musician and



Lauren Roberts, violinist.

Tickets on sale: June 15th for \$50 at Darby Wine & Spirits and Double H Custom Hats in Darby.

Your ticket stub will be entered in a drawing for a 100% Beaver Hat from Double H Custom Hats in Darby, Montana!

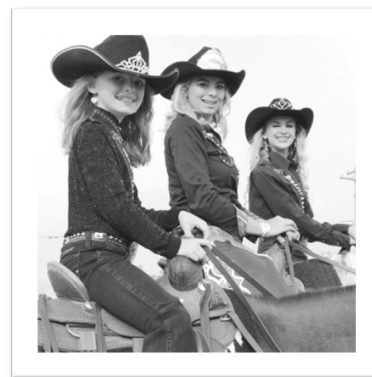
DRA ROYALTY REPORT

"Greetings! As Darby's first rodeo royalty court it's our honor to represent such a great rodeo association! The royalty program's purpose is to build young leaders, and support the sport of rodeo and the western way of life. But we also do travel to serve other areas. We helped the Helmville MT Rodeo Club save their grandstands, served at the Bitterroot's

Cowboy Ball, the Special Olympics, and Princess Cassie, attended the Miss Rodeo America pageant in Las Vegas to watch Sarai McCollaum, Miss Rodeo Montana, compete for a national crown! Most recently, Queen Madi, a remarkable leader, produced a charity barrel race for abuse survivors! Thank you for your continued support.

You make it all possible!"

Gratefully Your Court, Queen Madison Louvar, Princess Cassie Turner and Lil Miss Addison Jo



HOW ABOUT THE STOCK?! (And we don't mean "Market")

You may have seen an energetic, smart, talented, and BRAVE young man who provides our amazing stock (Horses, Bulls etc.) for our events. **Kaehl Berg**, from Deer Lodge Montana, is the owner of **Red Eye Rodeo** and manages his team of pick-up

men and other professionals. He has been with us for over ten years providing stock for our Jr. Rodeo and other events. Kaehl has since grown into one of the premier stock contactors in Montana with over 200 head of Buckin' horses and 100 head of Bulls.

He has introduced a new level of energy and commitment to the events and we are mighty proud to have him! We know he'll appreciate a hand shake and a big thank you at an event this year.

We will be publishing these Newsletters when we have news to share. We'll look forward to hearing if they are informative and fun.

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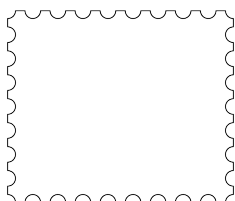
RUN & GUN SEATS

Don't forget 2018 Run & Gun Seats are available for purchase at Darby Wine and Spirits for \$10 for remainder of the 2018 season. A big shout out to Robbin Proukou for handling the ticket sales for us as usual. So appreciated! See insert for more seat details



The Darby Rodeo Association

The Darby Rodeo Association (DRA) was formed ten years ago. The DRA is focused on providing quality rodeo events and entertainment that promote the Western Way of Life. One of DRA's main goals, in partnership with the Jr. Rodeo Association, is to support our youth in the Bitterroot Valley as well as attracting youth from surrounding areas.



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