

## **Rodeo Board Sponsors Endowment Steer**

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ELLENSBURG, Wash. — This year the Ellensburg Rodeo will have another "Cowboy" at the Ellensburg Rodeo and Kittitas County Fair. Cowboy is the endowment steer that has been donated by the Ellensburg Rodeo Board to be auctioned at the 2014 Kittitas County Fair. The proceeds of which will go into the Kittitas County 4-H Endowment Trust Fund and the interest from this trust goes to promote and support the 4-H program throughout Kittitas as County.

Cowboy is a Charolais cross that Cora Clift and her parents, Kerry and Brigid, will care for and have prepared to show at this year's Kittitas County Fair. Generous donations of feed from Old Mill Store, Payback Feeds, Carl Jensvold, and the Clifts will help Cowboy to be in his best form at the Fair.

The Ellensburg Rodeo Board is honored to be given this opportunity to support the 4-H program by being able to donate the 2014 Endowment Steer. Like the Rodeo, the 4-H



program in our county helps to preserve and educate youth and adults alike in our western heritage and agricultural way of life and be a part of our future.

The Kittitas County 4-H Endowment Trust Fund started in 1988 with a \$1,000 donation from the 4-H Council is the second largest in the state.

This year's rodeo runs from August 29 – September 1, 2014. More information about its many competitions and events can be found online at <u>www.ellensburgrodeo.com</u>.

The Ellensburg Rodeo is one of the "old rodeos" and has earned its place as one of America's Top 10 professional rodeos. The Ellensburg Rodeo hosts the World Finale of PRCA's Xtreme Bulls Tour. Started in 1923 with the same volunteer spirit that still "fuels the fire" of today's volunteers, the rodeo has grown from a local competition among ranch hands to the Professional event of today with over 600 contestants and prize money in excess of \$400,000!

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