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82nd ANNUAL TOPPENISH RODEO JULY 1ST & 2ND, 2016 **“Where the West Still Lives”**

(Toppenish, WA June 22, 2016) Get ready for the longest eight seconds in sports. It’s happening on July 1, Friday and 2, Saturday in Toppenish, “where the West still lives.” The 82nd annual Toppenish Rodeo, an event steeped in the history of the American West, will take place at the Toppenish Rodeo Grounds, 600 S. Division Street in Toppenish. The action starts at 7:30 p.m. each night, presented by Dad’s Family Restaurant and Gold Creek Saloon. Top cowboys and cowgirls from all over the U.S. come together at this historic rodeo. And, to celebrate the 4th of July weekend, a spectacular fireworks display follows the show each night

More than 150 contestants will compete in all of the traditional rodeo events from saddle bronc riding and team roping to bull riding and steer wrestling. Over \$5,000 in prize money is at stake. And there will also be mutton bustin’, the Kenny Winterholler Memorial wild-cow milking, and —back this year — ranch bronc riding. The “barrel men” are always on hand to keep the bull riders safe, and kids of all ages love to watch the rodeo clowns

General admission to the rodeo grounds is free if you just want to enjoy the carnival-style vendors. Rodeo ticket prices for adults (age 13 and older) are \$10 for a one-day pass and \$18 for both days. For kids 8 to 12, one-day passes are \$6 and two-day passes are \$10. Children ages 7 and under are admitted free. Parking is \$2.

To purchase tickets call (509) 865- 5566 or buy them at the gate. For more information, search out the Toppenish Rodeo on Facebook.

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Photo Caption:

A cowboy is out of the chute in the ranch bronc riding event in last year’s rodeo in Toppenish.

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