

Wojo's Rodeo Brings Family Fun to Potato Days

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"You train them to do what you want and they listen to you. If they don't want to buck, we just don't use them any longer, you can't force them to buck, they're bred to do it," Keith advised. "We tried to use regular animals we buy from the sale barn but it doesn't work. They have to want to or there's no reason to even ask them to.

They are really cool. I've been an animal lover all my life. They are athletes. If the mares buck the colts usually buck. It's in the breeding."

Wojo's Rodeo is a rodeo circuit in Minnesota and North Dakota. Members of the circuit register for each event they want at any specific rodeo. Contestants buy a membership with Wojo's that enables them

to enter all of the rodeos they produce. Contestants earn points at each rodeo in which they participate and points are accumulated throughout the season for year-end standings. Those in the top 10 in points get to enter and compete in the performance at the finals in Thief River Falls, MN. Those not in the top 10 are still able to enter and compete, however, they do not get to compete in the performance; they compete in the slack section at finals. Many of the contestants also compete in other rodeos throughout MN as well. Most rodeos have the





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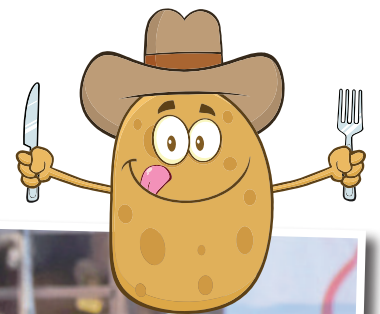
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same or very similar rules in all the events.

"We are an amateur rodeo association, however, professional rodeo cowboys do compete in our circuit. And several others have started in our circuit and are now professionals," Dana explained.

Come cheer on the local wranglers riding in Wojo's Rodeo at 7:00 p.m. Friday, August 23 and at 7:00 p.m. August 24!



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