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**IMAGE:** MCC Rodeo Athlete

### **Rodeo Dates Change; Local Businesses Step In To Support MCC Rodeo**

MILES CITY, MONTANA: Local businesses Riverside Marine and Cycle, Bobcat of Miles City, and the Miles City Livestock Commission have stepped in to provide space and sponsorship for a rodeo team fundraising event, to be held Saturday, March 27. The event will be held at the Home Show Building at the Eastern Montana Fairgrounds in Miles City. The formerly scheduled MCC Winter Rodeo Series at the Ag Advancement Center for the same day will not be held.

The NIRA College Rodeo has also been rescheduled to April 16 and 17, moving from a Thursday/Friday event to a Friday/Saturday event.

While the annual fundraising event known as the Buckaroo Bash hosted by the Miles Community College Rodeo team was originally pushed to a later date this spring, it became apparent that COVID guidelines for MCC facilities would make hosting the event difficult. Three local businesses have offered to sponsor, host, and facilitate an alternative event, known as "The Bash", with all proceeds benefitting MCC Rodeo scholarships.

While "The Bash" will look different this year, MCC Rodeo Coach Chris Witcher looks forward to its return to campus facilities in future years. "We know that community

support is the heart and soul of MCC Rodeo," he commented. "It is the largest reason the Pioneer program will continue to grow and prosper."

This year "The Bash" will feature a catered meal and over 110 donation items, including over \$15,000 in stud fees and handcrafted gifts by well-known artists, some creating pieces specifically for the event.

State and local guidelines for face coverings and social distancing will be enforced.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by calling Niki Witcher at 406-855-0994 or Chris Witcher at 406-855-2168. For more information on the event, please contact Chris Witcher.

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