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**2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CROWDER COLLEGE ROUGHRIDER SCHOLARSHIP RODEO**

**NEOSHO, MO** - Crowder College is pleased to announce its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Crowder College Roughrider Scholarship Rodeo, Roughrider Arena, August 15 & 16 at 8:00 p.m. nightly. Roughrider Arena is located at 608 Field Ave., Neosho.

Last year, the rodeo earned the title of ACRA "Rookie Rodeo of the Year". The event will attract the top performers of the American Cowboys Rodeo Association (ACRA) and the International Professional Rodeo Association (IPRA) with participants competing for prize money in bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, cowgirls' break-a-way roping, cowgirls' barrel racing, and bull riding. Depending on their placement in each event, their standing may help them qualify for each association's year end finals competition. Special events will include a youth mutton bustin' starting at 7:00 p.m. for the first 20 to register and a youth calf scramble during the rodeo.

Entertainment for the rodeo will be provided by 2012 ACRA and CPRA Entertainer of the Year Michael "Goobie" Smith from Springdale, AR. Top quality rodeo stock will be provided by Steve Gussert with G Money Rodeo Co. from Haskell, OK. G Money Rodeo was awarded the 2012 Bareback Bucking Horse of the Year Award.

Indigo Sky Casino is the Title Sponsor for the event along with numerous local businesses that have joined forces with Crowder to make this rodeo a success. The funds raised through this event will be used to provide scholarships for students, travel seminar expenses and agricultural department projects.

Advance tickets: Adults \$10, Children (ages 6-12) \$8 and children age 5 & under are free. Tickets may be purchased at the Crowder College Bookstore, Eric Norris State Farm Insurance Agency, and First Community Bank locations in Neosho and Goodman. Gates will open at 6:00 nightly with tickets available for \$12 and \$10 respectively. Spectators are encouraged to come early to browse the local vendors' booths and to take advantage of the full menu of concessions provided by the Crowder Agriculture Department. Smoked beef dinners including a side and drink will be available for \$8. For more details about the arena, rodeo or sponsorships please call the Crowder Agriculture Department at 417- 455-5720. Visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/roughriderrodeo](http://www.facebook.com/roughriderrodeo).

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