

For high school rodeo

Larsen establishes scholarship

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For Tyrel Larsen, making a living riding saddle broncs has been the ultimate dream.

The Shell Valley cowboy comes from a province that has very few involved in the sport of rodeo, but Larsen is hoping to change that with the establishment of the Weldon Gales Memorial Rodeo Scholarship.

While spending some time at the family's ranch this June,

Larsen learned that there are currently no saddle bronc riders or bareback riders in the Manitoba High School Rodeo Association ranks, spurring him to take action.

Living his dream as a professional rodeo cowboy, he wants to give more boys from his home province the same opportunity.

This scholarship will be awarded to a young man between the ages of 15 and 18 to attend a rough stock

school/camp of his choice to further advance his skills in the sport. The scholarship is named after a long-time family friend and supporter, Weldon Gales.

"Weldy was a great old ranch cowboy from Alberta. He was like another grandpa to me, and supported me in rodeo from the very beginning starting with my first sheep ride to giving me my first pair of bronc riding chaps," Larsen noted, adding he's glad he can do something in memory of Gales that will help young

and aspiring cowboys like Gales helped him.

"I know that there isn't much of a push for bronc riders in Manitoba but with how great the high school association helped my brothers and I get scholarships and get to the next level in rodeo, I hope that more kids see that it's possible to go further in rodeo, get an education, and do things they never dreamed of doing," Larsen emphasized.

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