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OBSTACLE COURSE COMPETITION FOR BUS DRIVERS BECOMES FAMILY COMMUNITY SAFETY EVENT SUNDAY

In the Wild West Roadeo, the barrel racers are buses. The competition and community safety fair is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 17 at Victorian Square. Buses will barrel race in an obstacle course that requires them to navigate 38,000 pound vehicles between tiny tennis balls aligned for parking, blue barrels for precision in narrow spaces, and other maneuvers that test a driver's safety skills.

Roadeo organizers have dozens of contestants signed up in addition to Sparks Mayor Geno Martini who will compete at 9:30 a.m. RTC RIDE will field 19 competitors. Drivers from RTC Access, Harrah's, Airport Mini Bus, John Ascuaga's Nugget and Amador Stagelines will also compete.

Roadeo officials said the event also includes a bike rodeo for children, with two free bikes given to raffle winners in the under 6th grade category and two more to 6th grade and older competitors based on a skills competition. The day also includes a wheelchair users roadeo coordinated by the Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living.

Food vendors will be onsite along with representatives from multiple community safety agencies including the American Red Cross, Children's Cabinet, Nevada Air National Guard, Air Force, Navy and members of the Yellow Ribbon organization. The event is underwritten by sponsors including John Ascuaga's Nugget, Amador Stage Lines, The Boys and Girls Club, Hobeys Casino, The Peppermill, Gold Dust West, Reno Aces, Bell Limo and Ruiz Party Rentals. More are Prevost, Cummins Rocky Mountain, Med-Tec, Liberty Dialysis, WalMart, Carrows, Granite Construction Supply, Graphics Unlimited, Specialty Health, West Coast Construction, New Flyer, Capital Clutch, Wells Fargo Insurance, Miller's Uniforms, Cal Nevada Tow, Gillig, and Dr. Raymond Roberts.

Information is at wildwestbusroadeo.org

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