

## Rodeo roundup



**RIDE 'EM, COWGIRL:** Diamond Bergeron, 15, rides Gypsy as she practices barrel racing at the Bergeron Rodeo Grounds, named after her father, in Davie. More than 200 cowgirls will compete from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the Tiffany Doctor Memorial All-Girl Rodeo Series. Story, 3B Staff photo/Angel Valentin

# All-female rodeo opens in Davie

## More than 200 riders to compete

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DAVIE • You might say they were destined to be rodeo girls.

Stephanie Sullivan had her first horse by the time she was 2. Shelby DeHass was 3 when she got her first pony. And Diamond Bergeron had her first pony at 2 and her first horse at 7.

The trio are among the more than 200 riders statewide saddling up today for Davie's fifth annual Tiffany Doctor Memorial All-Girl Rodeo Series at the Bergeron Rodeo Grounds. The arena is owned by the town but carries the Bergeron name because the family built the entrance.

Diamond, 15, rides for the adrenaline rush. Shelby, 16, does it for love of the sport. And Stephanie, 21, relishes the traveling and the camaraderie. The prize money doesn't hurt, either.

Diamond's dad competes. So does Stephanie's. And Shelby's mom competed when she was young.

"It's a family sport," said Shelby, a Seminole who has been competing since age 5. "I have friends whose parents have been doing it since they were itty bitty."

The rodeo, hosted by the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Davie Rodeo Association, is named for a Seminole rodeo girl who died at age 19 in a car accident in 2002.

The riders, ranging from age 5 to 50, will compete in barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying and team roping in three age groups: junior (under 13), senior (13 to 19) and open (20 and over).

### IF YOU GO

The fifth annual Tiffany Doctor Memorial All-Girl Rodeo runs from 10 a.m. until about 3 p.m. today at the Bergeron Rodeo Grounds, 4271 Davie Road in Davie. Cowgirls will compete in barrel racing, team roping, goat tying and more.

**Admission is free.**

**For more information, call 954-868-4517.**