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**2009 MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE VIKING STAMPEDE RODEO THIS WEEKEND AT THE
SALINE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

Marshall, Mo. (September 23, 2009)— The annual Missouri Valley College Viking Stampede rodeo kicks off this Thursday night at the Saline County Fairgrounds in Marshall, Mo. The rodeo will run Sept. 24-26 beginning at 7 p.m. nightly.

In addition to MVC, teams competing in the Viking Stampede are Abraham Baldwin Ag College (Georgia), Arkansas State University, Michigan State University, Mississippi State, Missouri State, Murray State (Kentucky), North Arkansas College, Northwest Mississippi Community College, Purdue University (Indiana), Southern Arkansas University, Troy State University (Alabama), University of Arkansas-Monticello, University of Tennessee-Martin, and University of West Alabama.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children, \$4 for MVC students (with valid student ID), and children five and under get in free. Concessions will be available at the fairgrounds. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs.

The MVC men's rodeo team ended the 2008-09 season ranked first in the Ozark Region of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association. Senior Jake Shaw of Cocoa, Fla. ended the season ranked first in the men's all-around and is expected to be a top contender again this year.

The women's rodeo team finished last season ranked second in the Ozark Region. Senior Katie Kimble, of Henry, Ill. finished second last year in the women's all-around and is expected to be a top contender this year as well.

For more information on this event, you may contact the Missouri Valley College sports information department at (660) 831-4230.

ABOUT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE

Missouri Valley College is a liberal arts college that provides educational, social and cultural experiences in a decidedly Christian environment. Established in 1889, MVC offers over 30 majors and 7 pre-professional programs, and 15 sports. The most popular majors include education and business, and the newest majors are nursing, graphic design, dance, and hospitality/tourism management, which will begin in Fall 2009. The liberal arts heritage focuses on scholarship, critical thinking and academic excellence to prepare students to become members of a responsible citizenry. For more information, call (660)831-4000 or visit www.moval.edu.