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Entertainment Is Answer To Rodeo’s Future, Says Sport’s Funniest Cowboy Clown



He’s one of the funniest cowboys in the world.

No one can deny that when rodeo clown John Harrison has his grease paint on in the arena, fans go home in a better mood with a grin on their face.

Many don’t realize the diverse aspects of one of the top entertainers in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Above all of these attributes is that John Harrison is a family man. Just ask his kids, Addison, three, and Cazwell, 18 months.

No. Just watch them come out of his horse-trailer-home-on-wheels and snuggle up to him minutes before he puts the clown apparel on. He gets the prize for best-daddy-of-all.

Of course to have such a prized family, there’s another essential ingredient: Momma. Carla Harrison is often an unobvious part of arena acts, but more-so-essential behind the scenes.

Entertaining at more than 75 rodeos around the country annually, Harrison, grandson of world renowned bull rider Freckles Brown, has performed this year at professional rodeos in Tonganoxie, Strong City and Mound City, all advertised on AM 580 WIBW and The Big 94.5 Country FM.

Besides being a very funny rodeo funnyman, Harrison is a trick rider and roper, specialty act artist, bull-riding barrel man, Wild West show producer and more.

But, it’s all “entertainment,” which is most important to John Harrison in his rodeo career.

“As long as the crowd’s having fun that’s all that matters:” Harrison evaluated. “People have so many venues for entertainment today, and every one is competition to rodeo. We must provide entertainment for the rodeo spectators so they come back and tell their neighbors, too.”



Benefit Auction At Pioneer Bluffs



The first significant construction project in 100 years has been launched at Pioneer Bluffs near Matfield Green, according to Lynn Smith, executive director.

The 1916 granary/carriage house will soon become the Rogler Prairie Heritage Center, providing educational programs and respite for travelers along the Flint Hills National Scenic Byway.

Advertised on AM 580 WIBW, the dedication is set during the Pioneer Bluffs Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 8.

A fundraising auction to benefit the granary project is planned, according to auctioneers and AM 580 WIBW advertisers Dave Webb, Stilwell, and Gail Hancock, Emporia.

A tractor, farm equipment and quilt have already been donated for the auction. More items are needed and can be donated by contacting Lynn Smith at 620-753-3484 or lynn@pioneerbluffs.org.

Kids Resource Fair Saturday



Speakers, demonstrations and informational booths will showcase the resources available for families and children with any type of disability at the 2011 Special Kids Informed Parents (SKIP) Children’s Resource Fair, Saturday, Oct.1, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Nemaha County Community Center in Seneca, according to Sheril Bergman, president of the organization.

Families, teachers, daycare providers, and professionals who work with children are all invited to the fair, advertised on AM 580 WIBW.

Padre says:

“A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature.”