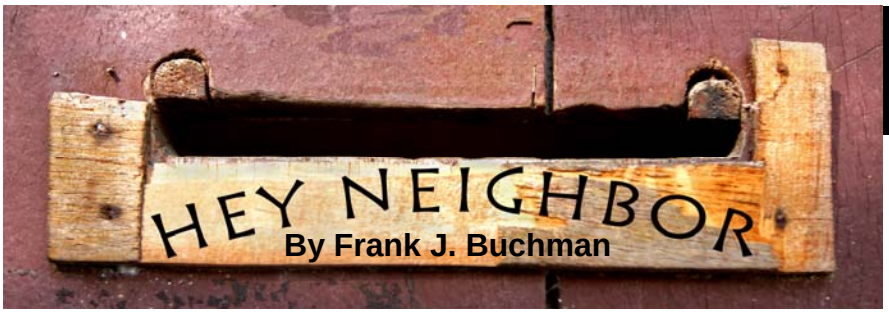

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One Arm Bandit & Company To Entertain At Junction City Rodeo

"Those attending the 20th annual Junction City Rodeo, Friday and Saturday, July 19-20, 7:30 each evening, at the Geary County Fairgrounds in Junction City are in for the biggest treat ever," announced Darryl Blocker, president of the sponsoring Junction City Rodeo Association.

"We are so happy that The One Arm Bandit & Company, Shidler, Oklahoma, will be the special rodeo entertainment for both performances," Blocker said.

Advertised and promoted on 580 WIBW and The Big 94.5 Country, the rodeo, again featuring livestock from Kraft Rodeo Company of Abbyville, will include a pre-rodeo-concert by country music recording entertainer Rusty Rierson at 6:30.

Although it's uncertain if John S. Payne, the notorious One Arm Bandit will be in attendance personally, it'll be him or one of his performing children, son Lynn, or daughter Amanda, and their horses with Longhorn-Watusi steers, mustangs, mules, buffalo and black mouth cur dogs.

Their act, started after Payne was electrocuted and brought back from the dead, but lost his right arm, only to become a rodeo entertainer recognized an unprecedented 12 times as the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association Specialty Act of the Year.

In addition to regular rodeo events, there is a queen contest planned, and calf scramble, boot scramble, mutton busting, barrel racing and mini-bull riding for youth.

'Family Fun For All' At Third Annual Jackson County Rodeo Near Holton

"Grab your hat, put on your spurs, bring your lawn chair, if you're not planning to ride a bronc or a bull, and lets rodeo," welcomed Deb Dillner.

"It's time for the third annual Jackson County Rodeo, Friday and Saturday, July 26-27, at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex, south of Holton on Highway 75, then west on Road 214," according to Dillner, leader in the Jackson County Fair Association, rodeo sponsor.

Advertised and promoted on 580 WIBW and The BIG 94.5 Country, the radio will feature livestock supplied by Kraft Rodeo Company of Abbyville at 8 o'clock each evening, with gates opening at 6 p.m.

Events are to include ranch-style bronc riding, team roping, bareback bronc riding, tie down calf roping, barrel racing, breakaway roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling and bull riding.

A special attraction for "the little buckaroos," Dillner pointed out, will be mutton busting and mini-bull riding.

The rodeo is one of the feature events for the annual week-long Jackson County Fair, July 29 through August 2, at the fairgrounds in Holton.

Other events prior to fair week are a horse show, Saturday, July 20, 9 o'clock, at the Northeast Kansas Heritage Complex, and the pony pull, Saturday, July 27, 2 o'clock, in the fairgrounds show arena.

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Padre says:

"I don't care how poor a man is; if he has family, he's rich."