

Working Cowboys Getting Ultimate Test At Santa Fe Trail Ranch Rodeo

Wild and Western action is set for the Santa Fe Trail Ranch Rodeo Friday and Saturday evenings, July 6-7.

At the arena east of Council Grove just off Highway 56, working ranch cowboys from throughout the Midwest will be in competition, announced Clay Wilson, president of the sponsoring Morris County Youth Rodeo Association.

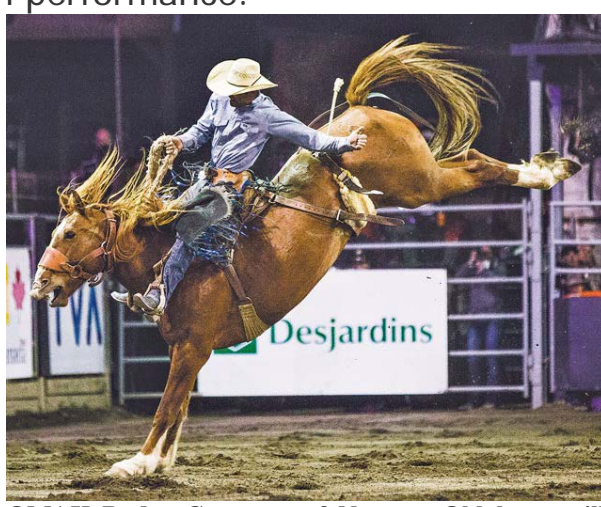
Four member teams representing 16 ranches are entered in the Working Ranch Cowboys Association (WRCA) sanctioned events at 7 o'clock.

The rodeo has been advertised extensively on 580 WIBW, Country 106.9, the BIG 94.5 Country and promoted on WibwNewsNow and the Kansas Ag Network.

Top scoring team from both rodeo performances qualifies for the WRCA Finals, November 7-11, in Amarillo, Texas.

Ranch bronc riding featuring several of the top bucking horses in the country will kick off each performance.

In a return engagement, OMAK Rodeo Company owned by Don Reno of Nowata, Oklahoma, is again providing the broncs. The horses are production of his "born to buck" bronc breeding program



OMAK Rodeo Company of Nowata, Oklahoma, will again furnish horses for the ranch bronc riding in the Santa Fe Trail Ranch Rodeo, July 7-8, at Council Grove. Produced in the "born to buck" breeding program of Don Reno, these horses have seen recent auction at major rodeos throughout the Midwest.

"These big stout colorful bucking horses have been contracted to a dozen top professional rodeos since the spring season began," Wilson said.

"We're pleased that again several of our horses have also been selected to buck at this year's famed Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo July 20 to July 29," Reno pointed out.

Furthering the wild and colorful Western competition for the working ranch cowboys will be the wild cow milking event.

"This is always an anticipated feature," Wilson assured. "It'll be even more exciting for contestants and spectators alike this year."

A working ranch cowboy and rodeo champion himself, Les Magee of Greeley is providing his big, rank, bright-speckled Longhorn cows for the event. "Those stout ornery momma cows will sure enough test the cowboys," Wilson added.

Additional "true to life cowboys' work on the ranch" featured in the rodeo will be calf branding, stray gathering, and team penning.

"This livestock is provided by local ranchers and is straight off of Flint Hills pastures right here in Morris and surrounding counties," Wilson said.

An added attraction for the rodeo weekend will be the Junior Ranch Rodeo Saturday morning, July 7, at 10 o'clock.

Featured events are calf branding, ribbon roping and team penning. Entries are still open and can be made by contacting Wilson at 785-466-1359.

Concessions by the sponsoring group will be available throughout each rodeo performance.

Folks From All Around Headed To The Richmond Free Fair Next Week

Happiness is promised for all with old fashioned country family fun, July 12-13-14, at Richmond, Kansas, according to Sarah Peters, hardworking enthusiast and promoter for the traditional Franklin County affair.

It's the 94th annual Richmond Free Fair kicking off Thursday morning, July 12, with entering of exhibits, and judging throughout the afternoon.

Special athletic events are planned every day, starting at 6 o'clock, Thursday and Friday evenings, and at 4 o'clock, Saturday afternoon

Cowboy Olympics are planned Thursday evening, at 7 o'clock, with special entertainment by Rearview Mirror at 7:30.

At 7:30, Friday evening, July 13, there'll be old time games including nail driving, pie eating, potato peeling, corn shucking, and an egg race. Rusty Rierson comes on stage to entertain in the starlight at 9 o'clock.



Rearview Mirror will entertain with rock and roll as well as blues music Thursday evening, July 12, 7:30, at the Richmond Free Fair, Richmond, Kansas.

A Treasurer's Pie Contest is Saturday afternoon, July 14, with entries due no later than 4 o'clock.

Highlight of the entire fair is always the grand parade, at 6 o'clock, Saturday evening, July 14, with entries expected from throughout eastern Kansas and western Missouri. "Proud to be an American" is this year's parade theme

"Everybody's welcome to bring a parade entry, or just a lawn chair, and then find a shade tree, to be a part of the best parade possible," Peters welcomed.

At 8:15, Saturday evening, The Lost Troubadours will entertain at 8:15.

"See you at Richmond Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 12-13-14," Peters invited.

Details can be found on Facebook, in order so nobody misses anything.

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"If we did the things we are capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves."

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