

## Full Lineup Of Features Set This Week For Professional Rodeo At Mound City

Elite Western entertainment is on tap for Mound City Friday and Saturday evenings.

It's time for the Linn County Fair Rodeo August 10-11, starting at 8 o'clock each evening, according to John Teagarden, longtime rodeo coordinator-promoter.

The fair and rodeo have been advertised and promoted extensively on 580 WIBW, The BIG 94.5 Country and Country 106.9. Additionally both Linn County attractions have been promoted on WibwNewsNow and the Kansas Ag Network

Jimmy Crowther, owner of New Frontier at Gypsum, returns to produce the 2018 rodeo.

Crowther started producing rodeos in 1978 while still competing in the bull riding event. About the same time, Crowther began his bucking bull breeding program with genetics from legendary rodeo producer Charlie Plummer, Sayre, Oklahoma.

Today, Crowther owns the "purest" Plummer genetics in the industry supplying undeniably the best bucking bulls in the sport of rodeo today.



Troy Goodridge

Meanwhile, at the past few years' Prairie Circuit Finals Rodeos, cowboys also won several go-rounds in the bareback and saddle bronc riding on New Frontier bucking horses.

Troy Goodridge, Ft Scott, returns to Mound City to call the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association action.

Goodridge announces 40 to 45 rodeo performances each year throughout the Midwest. This will mark his ninth year at Mound City.

Matt Tarr and his son Bransen of Cody, Wyoming, will entertain as clowns and also have specialty acts at the rodeo.

Considered one of the "top five" funny men in professional rodeo, Tarr has been continually honing his comedy and barrel man skills.



Matt and Bransen Tarr

Wade Kunz and Tyler Dahl will serve as bullfighters protecting bull riders when on the arena floor after their rides.

Highlight of each evening's performance promises to be the Double Trouble Trick Riders. They are a trio of sisters: twins Bethany and Brittany, and little sister Liberty "Libby" Iles, who perform various styles of Western and equestrian entertainment.



Double Trouble Trick Riders

Riding and performing is more than just a hobby for these three young women, it's a passion.

The girls started riding horses in March of 2009, and took their first trick riding lesson that fall. In their short career, they have already performed and entertained throughout the country.

The Heartland Twisters are a cowgirl equestrian riding team that are a part of the Chanute Bit & Spur Saddle Club at Chanute. They'll also be providing entertainment for the rodeo crowd while allowing time for stock contractors to prepare for the next event. Their three-minute American Tribute and speed precision performances create raves at every rodeo.

## Eastern Kansas Pro Rodeo Series Offers Convenience For Contestants And Spectators

"Convenience for cowboys to compete more and easier while winning more plus additional high caliber rodeos close by for spectators."

That's what the Eastern Kansas Pro Rodeo Series offers.

The three largest Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association sanctioned rodeos have joined forces for the 2018 Eastern Kansas Pro Rodeo Series.



They include the Linn County Fair Rodeo, August 10-11, Mound City; the Interstate Fair Rodeo, August 16-17, Coffeyville; and the Eureka Pro Rodeo, August 17-18, Eureka.

The rodeo series is being advertised extensively on 580 WIBW and promoted on WibwNewsNow and the Kansas Ag Network.

"Goal of this coalition is to raise awareness, convenience and efficiency of the rodeos among both contestants and rodeo fans," verified John Teagarden, La Cygne, series coordinator.

"Collectively, the three rodeos produce six professional rodeo performances in an eight-day period between August 10 and the 18th," Teagarden said.

In the southeast quadrant of Kansas, the rodeos are approximately 80 miles from each other in a triangle.

"In addition to seeing professional rodeo contestants from more than a dozen states," Teagarden said, "rodeo fans will be entertained by top rodeo clowns, announcers and award-winning livestock."



John Teagarden

New Frontier Rodeo Company of Gypsum will provide livestock for both the Mound City and Coffeyville rodeos.

Matt Tarr and his son Bransen, Cody Wyoming, will entertain as clowns and also present specialty acts at both Mound City and Eureka.

Troy Goodridge, Fort Scott, will serve as announcer at Mound City, while Justin McKee, Lenapah, Oklahoma, will announce at Coffeyville. Ronald Burton, Philadelphia, Massachusetts, is to entertain as the Coffeyville rodeo's clown.

The rodeo at Eureka will be produced by United Pro Rodeo, Palestine, Texas, with announcing duties handled by Scott Grover, Platte, City, Missouri.

According to Teagarden, the Eastern Kansas Pro Rodeo series began in 1984 and continued until 2008 with several Kansas county fairs.

"It was revived four years ago by the three rodeo committees now a part of the series," he said.

"Collectively, the three rodeos paid out more than \$100,000 to the winning contestants and attracted nearly 25,000 spectators in 2017," Teagarden pointed out.

Top contestants in each rodeo event who compete at all three rodeos will receive a Maynard trophy buckle.

In addition to the three rodeo committees, the series is sponsored by Cleaver Farm & Home, Chanute, and Better Horses Network.

Additional information is available on Facebook for each rodeo.

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