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Top Clowns Come Forefront As Spectators Look To Upcoming Eastern Kansas Pro Rodeo Series

competing with and against superior rodeo livestock. Yet, others, perhaps the younger set, yet more mature as well,

Rodeo typically means outstanding cowboys and cowgirls

think first and foremost of the "clowns at the rodeo." As often as not, those reflecting "how the rodeo was" will

exclaim about the clowns before the contestants, the horses and the cattle. So, when committeemen were coordinating contracts for rodeos

in the Eastern Kansas Pro Rodeos Series, clowns ranked high on agenda. That's according to John Teagarden, LaCygne, who developed

the rodeo series to encourage contestant participation and spectator attendance. Three leading professional rodeo clowns will converge on the

Eastern Kansas Pro Rodeo Series nine-days August 11-19, Teagarden said. Stops include the Linn County Fair Rodeo, Mound City, August

Matt Tarr

the summer.

said.

Coffeyville, August 16-19: Eureka Pro Rodeo, Eureka, August 18-19. The pro rodeo series has been promoted advertised and extensively on WIBW, Country Legends 106.9, the BIG

11-12; Inter-State Fair & Rodeo,

Country, WibwNewsNow, and the Kansas Agriculture Network. "Clown lineup for this unique series features a highly decorated arena funnyman, a Marine Corps

veteran, and an 'up and comer' rodeo insiders," impressing Teagarden said. Linn County Fair Rodeo spectators will meet the "rookie" of the bunch, Matt Tarr, 33, Cody, Wyoming. The four-year Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) member brings a lot of "rodeo

"I started working at the Cody Night Rodeo as a teenager feeding livestock, preparing the arena, cleaning the stands, and selling tickets downtown during the day," Tarr said. Cody, Wyoming, near the east gate to Yellowstone National Park, is a historic Western town hosting 90 rodeo performances during

"After a few years, I was promoted to bullfighter," Tarr reflected. night the rodeo producer handed me the portable microphone and said 'you are the funnyman.' I found my calling." Teagarden admitted, "Matt Tarr's rodeo credits are still slim, but

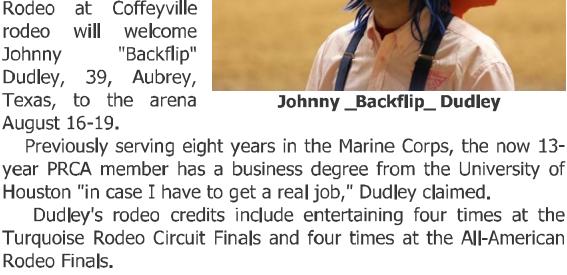
we have been hearing his name from announcers and other rodeo

affiliates, 'people who are in the know,' for a couple of years.

"We are excited to introduce Matt Tarr to Mound spectators," Teagarden

Inter-State Fair & Rodeo at Coffeyville rodeo will welcome "Backflip" Johnny Dudley, 39, Aubrey, Texas, to the arena

August 16-19. Rodeo Finals.



"Backflip's acts include Cow Patty, Exploding Limousine and

as

thousands of rodeo fans, McCracken,

act at the 2005 National Finals Rodeo, nominated five times for the PRCA Comedy Act of the Year and featured

simply

"Gizmo"

56,

Mailman Skunk," Teagarden related. Eureka Pro Rodeo, August 18-19, will highlight the "dean of the clowns," known

Fairview, Missouri. With 25 years of arena experience behind his grease paint, Gizmo has extensive "clown" resume. Highlights include specialty

act 19-times at various Pro Rodeo Circuit Finals. "An accomplished singer, Gizmo may break out an appropriate chorus at any Dale _Gizmo_ McCracken point during a performance," Teagarden said. Acts which McCracken will present at Eureka include Dr. Giz Ambulance, Gizmo's Shrinking Machine and the Chicken Rocket. "Rodeo fans that attend at least one performance of each of the three rodeos in the Eastern Kansas series will be eligible for a drawing to receive an engraved Moore Maker trophy knife after the Eureka rodeo, Saturday, Aug. 19," Teagarden said. "A canceled ticket or a rodeo program will suffice as attendance

proof at each rodeo and must be presented to rodeo committee

'Top Five,'147-Year-Old Linn County Fair

Underway Full Speed Ahead At Mound City

The Linn County Fair is in full swing this week as 400-plus head

officials at Eureka or Coffeyville August 19," he explained.

of 4-H and FFA members' livestock arrive have arrived at the Mound City fairgrounds, according to John Teagarden, longtime fair board member. Grandstand activities for the 147-year-old county fair, one of the five largest in Kansas, began last Friday, and conclude with the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) rodeo Friday and

With the full slate of features, the fair has been advertised and promoted extensively on WIBW, Country Legends 106.9, the BIG 94.5 Country, WibwNewsNow, and the Kansas Agriculture Network.

and

Teagarden estimated. "Attendance at the Friday evening Two-Car Team Demolition Derby was percent last year," he said.

"Seventy-two demolition cars competed in the two nights of

'demo derby' action," Teagarden continued. "Purse money totaled

Pull, Sunday.

"Figures for attendance

"Grandstands were near

capacity for the Demolition Derby on Saturday, and the Outlaw Truck and Tractor

weekend, dubbed the 'Three

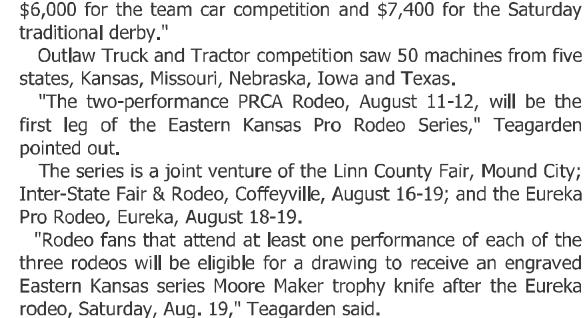
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"Your mind is a powerful tool, so fill it with positive thoughts, and your life will flourish."





John Teagarden

Saturday evenings, Aug. 11-12.

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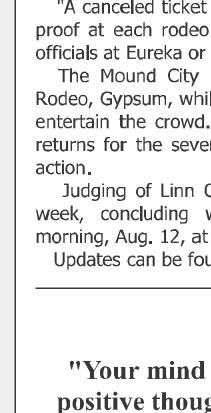




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Rodeo, Gypsum, while rodeo clown Matt Tarr, Cody, Wyoming, will entertain the crowd. Rodeo announcer Troy Goodridge, Ft Scott, returns for the seventh year to keep fans informed of the arena week, concluding with the livestock premium sale Saturday

Judging of Linn County Fair exhibits continues throughout the

morning, Aug. 12, at 10 o'clock. Updates can be found at Linn County Fair & Rodeo on Facebook.