

# Welcome to the TOP O' TEXAS Rodeo!



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# WINNERS OF THE GOLDEN HORSESHOE!

The McLeland Family are the lucky winners of the 2024 Golden Horseshoe Hunt, finding the much sought-after prize hiding under a rock underneath a tree at the Hamburger Station.

After receiving the first clue from Chicken Express, the hunt took them to Brandon's Flowers, then to Shabby Creek and ultimately to the Hamburger Station where the chase ended. The prizes for finding the horseshoe is a \$25 gift certificate to the Hamburger Station to be used monthly for a year, a family pack meal at Chicken Express every month for a year, a Swig Life 24 cooler from Prestige Autobody & Accessories, a Box Seat to both days of the rodeo and the opportunity to ride in the rodeo parade on Saturday, August 10th.

"You would've thought we won the lottery," laughed Kylee McLeland. "We were determined to find that thing."

Congratulations to the McLeland Family and have a great time!



*Radke, Harper, Abram, Hailee and Mason McLeland pose with their prizes presented by Top O' Texas Rodeo Association President, Travis Smith*



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# WELCOME TO THE 77TH ANNUAL

There's something for everyone at this year's Top O' Texas Rodeo!!!! The 77th annual event will be held August 9, & 10, at 7:00 nightly at the Top O' Texas/ B & G Electric Rodeo arena, east of Pampa on Highway 60.

Justin Russell and Wolf Creek Rodeo Company of Lipscomb, TX, will produce this year's show and rodeo fans can look forward to Bull Riding, Bareback Bronc Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Tie Down Roping, Breakaway Roping, Team Roping, Steer Wrestling, Ranch Bronc Riding and Barrel Racing.

Brandon Wren will return as The Voice of the Top O' Texas Rodeo. The Calf Scramble and Nickel Drop will be held nightly.

Those purchasing rodeo programs will have a chance at several nightly giveaways donated by local businesses.

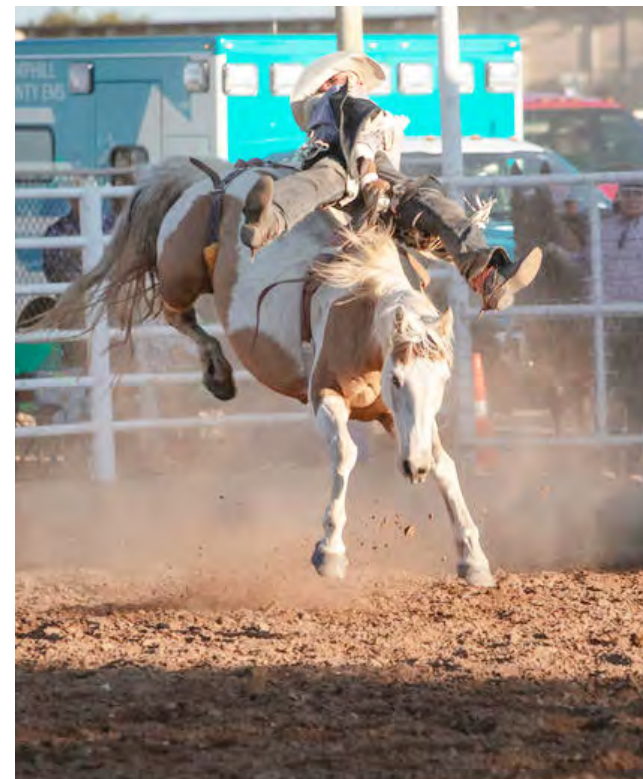
The ever-popular Freestyle Bullfights will return to the arena for both rodeo performances.

Rodeo festivities begin on Thursday, August 8, at 7:00 p.m. with the slack performance. There will be no charge for this performance. Friday, August 9, ticket holders will enjoy a free barbecue begin-

ning at 5:30 p.m. During the barbecue, spectators will be entertained by the annual Mutton Bustin' Extravaganza. Open to little cowboys and cowgirls ages 7 and under, this is always a real crowd pleaser! The Top 10 finishers will compete in the Finals during the rodeo performance on Saturday.

Mini Bulls and Walk & Trot Bulls will get underway following the Mutton Bustin' Extravaganza. The Top 3 finishers in the Mini Bulls and Top 2 finishers in Walk & Trot Bulls will return to ride again on Saturday night.

The rodeo dance will feature Seth





# TOP O' TEXAS RODEO!

Ward and The Silence. Saturday, August 10, is loaded with fun for everyone when the rodeo parade kicks off at 10:30 a.m.

Jacob Clifton and Rich Henkel of Gray County EMS are the 2024 Parade Marshals. Forming at the M. K. Brown parking lot, the parade will move south on Somerville to Francis, east on Francis to Cuyler, south on Cuyler to Atchison, east on Atchison to the train depot where it will disband. This parade always provides lots of interesting and unusual sights. Engraved trophies will be awarded to the winners of each division.

Entries are now being taken for anyone interested in participating in the parade. Entries will be accepted up until parade time.

The final performance of the Top O' Texas Rodeo will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday. The Mutton Bustin' Extravaganza Finals will be held during this performance, as well as the Mini Bulls and Walk and Trot Bulls Finals.

Bart Crow will be performing at the rodeo dance with Seth Ward & The Silence opening. Dances will begin at 9:00 p.m. and will be held at the Top O' Texas Norris Rodeo Pavilion adjacent to the rodeo

arena.

Tickets are good for admission to both the rodeo and dance. Ticket prices are:

Adults - \$20 Friday

Adults - \$25 Saturday

Children (7-12) - \$10

Children under 7 – free of charge.

These may be purchased at [www.topotexrodeo.com](http://www.topotexrodeo.com) or at the gate.

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# SETH WARD & THE SILENCE

American singer-songwriter Seth Ward is from Arlington, Texas. His sound has a country-based foundation but is also infused with Americana and alt country.

Lyrics in Ward's music are poignant and his storyline is vivid. He frequently explores themes of love, sorrow, and the whims of life in his nostalgically charged compositions. His performances are distinguished by a genuineness and sincerity that are uncommon in today's music business.

Thanks to his capacity to emotionally engage his audience, Ward has amassed a devoted and expanding following. He has established himself as one of the most promising up-and-coming performers in the country and Americana/alt country genres thanks to the universal appeal of his songs. Seth Ward is a rising star in the music industry thanks to his evident talent and unwavering commitment to his profession.



# BART CROW

Born and raised in Maypearl, Texas, country music singer/songwriter Bart Crow made his first attempts to write songs while in the United States Army and started first performing live while studying at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, TX.

With a sound all his own, Crow produces an ever-evolving flow of Red Dirt, Texas Country and Americana music. Crow has put together an impressive track record as a recording artist, having lofted six No. 1 singles onto the Texas Music Chart – one of which, “Wear My Ring,” sold over 165,000 copies. He has sold over 40,000 albums, released eight self-co-produced records in just over a decade, including Dandelion, which debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Heatseekers South Central chart. He's been cheered in Country Weekly, on CMT, and has been named one of Rolling Stones “artists you need to know”.

Crow is also a dedicated husband and father with a passion for supporting our nation's Veterans. “Being a Veteran I will always pay homage to our brothers and sisters who heed the call to volunteer and preserve our peace and freedom,” says Crow. He displays this sentiment in his self-penned song “Broken” from album “Heartworn Tragedy”. Bart Crow has partnered with True Grit Talent Agency. The True Grit roster includes Cody Jinks, Sunny Sweeney, Whitey Morgan, Ward Davis & many more noteworthy acts.

With tours booked across the country and many more dates to be released along the way. Crow's latest release, “I'm Not Finished,” caught much attention throughout the music scene, with new music on the way.

# BRANDON WREN: PROFESSIONAL ANNOUNCER

His voice is heard and his image is seen by thousands of people across the country each year. He entertains thousands of fans per year in Oklahoma alone. From rodeo circuits to regional charity events, his is the voice people recognize and trust.

Brandon Wren resonance and style has become synonymous with professional rodeo. He has been voted BRI Announcer of the Year nine times and was awarded the 2014 American Cowboys Association Announcer of the Year.

He was selected to announce the LJ Jenkins Finals Bull Riding five consecutive years. In 2016, he was selected Iowa Rodeo Cowboys Association Announcer. Five times he has been named Announcer of the Year for the MT Bucking Bulls Tour Finals in Minnesota.

He has been voted as Youth Bull Riding World Finals Announcer in Abilene, Texas, four times and World Championship Miniature Bull Riding Association Finals Announcer four times.

In 2021, he was selected to be the announcer for the Hooey Junior Patriot Rough Stock event with the Patriot Events during the NFR in Las Vegas.

Brandon was also the host of the Sam's Town Casino NFR Watch Party for all 10 rounds.

He was the announcer at the 2021 LJ Jenkins Bull Riding Tour Championships at Resort Worlds Casino in Las Vegas.

His itinerary stretches from coast to coast with stops in New Mexico, Minnesota, Iowa, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, Texas, Nebraska, Nevada and Wisconsin.

He has had television events and commentates on Texas Ranch and Radio Weekly and True Cowboy Radio. Brandon has over 25 years in rodeo.

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association welcomes Brandon Wren to the arena as The Voice of the Top O' Texas Rodeo.



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# THE HISTORY OF THE TOP O' TEXAS RODEO

June 20, 1945, was a red-letter day for the Top O' Texas Rodeo, Horse Show, and Fair Association. The charter was signed by 13 very enterprising men including Wade Thom- asson, Crawford Atkinson, Irvin Cole, E. J. Hanna, F. E. Imel, Rex Barrett, John Haynes, Roy Sewell, J. E. Murfee, Jr., Orval Christo- pher, John Sims, Arlie Carpenter, and E. O. Wedge- worth. These men often met for cof- fee at the Court House Cafe and felt the need for some kind of public entertainment where cowboys and cowgirls of the area could get together to show off their talents. Serv- ing as officers for the first year were Wade Thom- asson, Presi- dent; Crawford Atkinson, Vice President; Floyd Imel, Treas- urer; and E. O. Wedgeworth, Secretary.

Many famous personalities and events have helped to give the Top O' Texas Rodeo the name it has today. 1981 and 1983 saw ris- ing stars Reba McEntire and Tommy Over- street in the Top O' Texas arena.

A popular feature of the current rodeo be- gan in 1958. The calf scramble has delighted crowds for many years.

The rodeo has been held annu-

ally except for May 1970, when a tornado hit the arena destroy- ing part of the stands on the east side. No performance was held in 1971, as an out- break of Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyaly- tis quarantined the Panhandle livestock or in 2020, due to the pandemic.

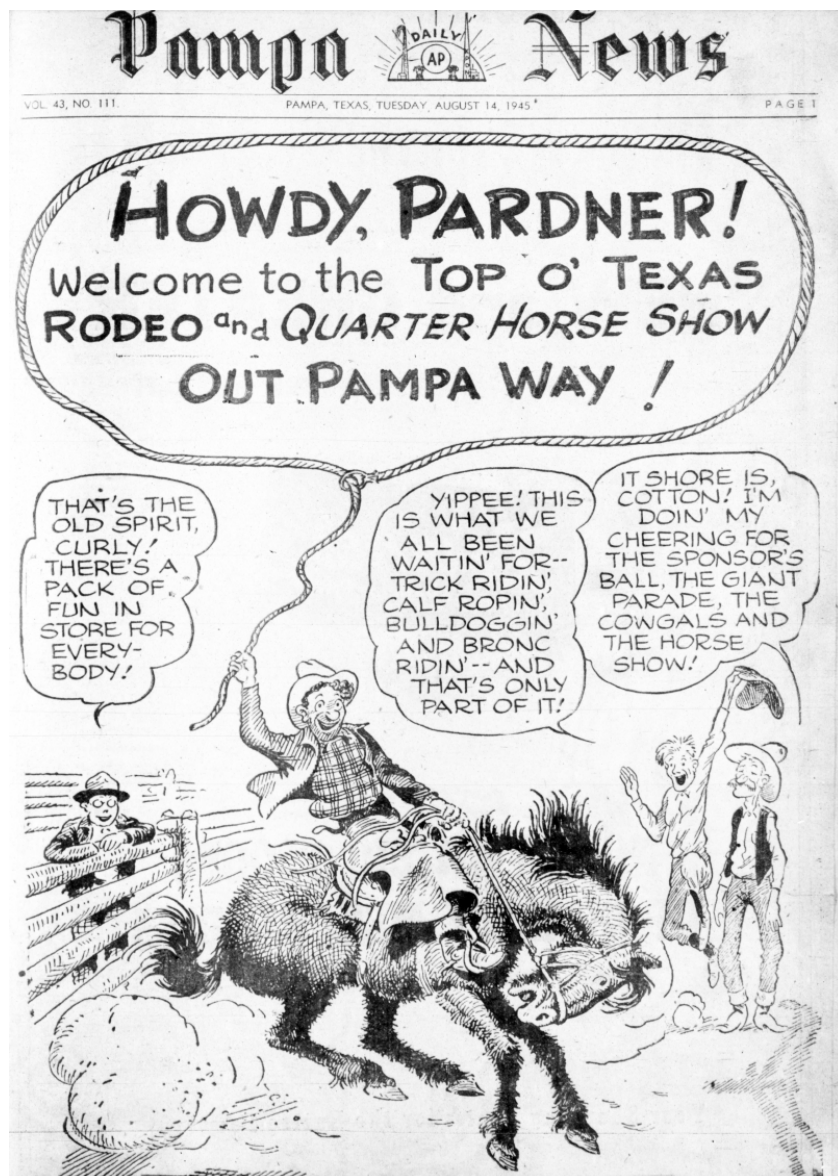
The Kid Pony Show started the same year as the rodeo and continues today to give the younger cowboys and cowgirls a chance to develop their rodeo skills. Annually area residents also enjoy the search for the Golden Horseshoe. Clues are given in the local media as to where a "gold- en" horseshoe has been hidden and the lucky person who finds it is awarded box seat tickets to the rodeo.

Many great cowboys and cow- girls of area, national, and international fame have per- formed in the Top O' Texas arena since that day in 1945 when Wade Thomasson, O. W. Hampton, Red Wedgeworth and others met over a cup of coffee at the old Court House Cafe on Kingsmill Street.

We're glad they did.

Come join us for another great year of fast rodeo action and loads of excitement at the Top O' Texas Rodeo.

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### THRILLS AND SPILLS ARE ON THE AGENDA FOR RODEO, SHOW

The steer riding contest will pay \$250 money to the first prize, \$200 second prize, and \$100 third prize. The entrance fee will be \$5 per day. Horses will be numbered and mounts will be drawn by management for each performance. Management may substitute a horse if the horse drawn gets crippled and rider must accept the substitution. Rider must be ready when called upon to ride. The saddles used will be regulation association saddles and will be furnished by the management. Horses will be saddled and cinched under direction of Arena Director. If saddles are not cinched tight enough and come off, rider will be given a re-ride on the same horse. Any of the following offenses will disqualify a rider in this contest: 1. Being touched off. 2. Changing hands on rein. 3. Wrapping rein around hand. 4. Losing stirrup. 5. Pulling leather. 6. Not being ready to ride when called. 7. Causing unnecessary delay at the chutes.

One of the sensational parts of the Top O' Texas Rodeo and Quarter Horse show will be the steer riding contest, which will pay \$250 money to the first prize, \$200 for second, and \$100 for third. Steers will be numbered and drawn by management for each performance. If steer is crippled, management may substitute and rider must accept the substitution and be ready when called upon to ride. This is a one-hand contest. Rider must ride with one hand on rope and one hand on the air. Rider may use his own lasso rope or one furnished by management, as he prefers, but if rider uses his own rope, it must be approved by the management and judges. No freak head-balls, no knots or latches will be permitted or any kind of knot which would prevent rope from dropping off steer after rider leaves him. Each steer must have bell on. Ride will be completed at sound of bell, which is the signal to dismount.





# EVENT SCHEDULE

## Nightly

- Nickel Drop**  
Ages 6 & Under
- Calf Scramble**  
Ages 12 & Under
- Freestyle Bullfighting**

**Ticket Prices (Includes Dance):**  
 Adults \$25 | Children (7-12) \$10 | Under 6 FREE

## Friday, August 9, 2024

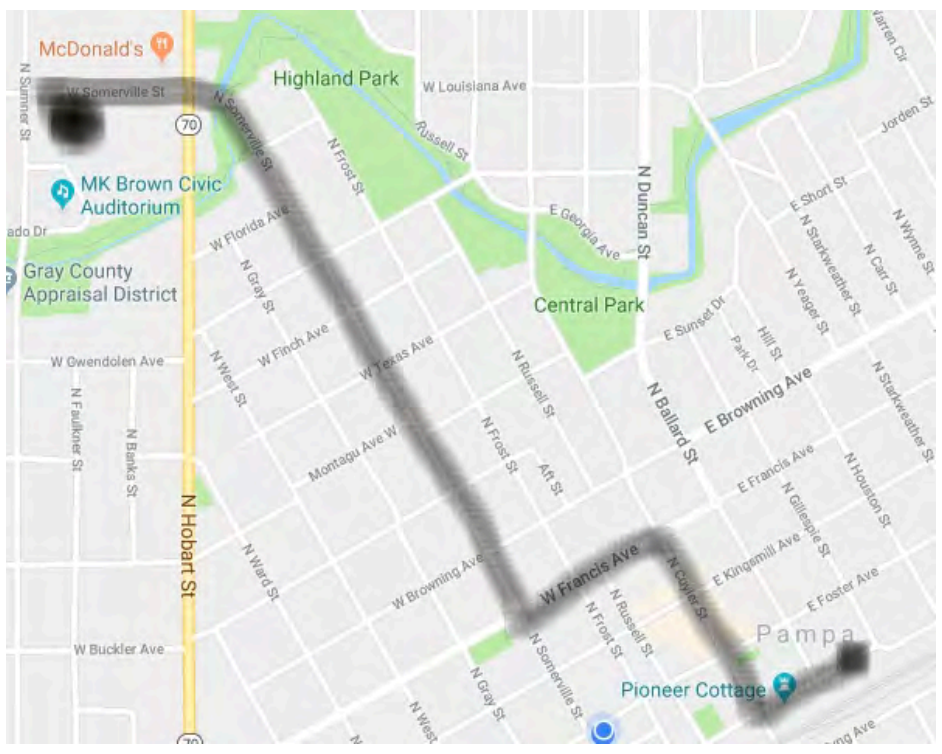
- 5:30 P.M.**
  - Free bar-b-que for all ticket holders
  - Mutton Bustin' Extravaganza will be held during the bar-b-que
- 9:00 P.M.**
  - Rodeo Dance at the Top O' Texas/ Norris Pavilion featuring Seth Ward & The Silence

## Saturday, August 10, 2024

- 10:30 A.M.**
  - Rodeo Parade in Downtown Pampa. Line-up will begin at 9:30 a.m.
- Mutton Bustin' Extravaganza Finals**
- 9:00 P.M.**
  - Rodeo Dance at the Top O' Texas/ Norris Pavilion featuring Bart Crow with Seth Ward & The Silence opening

**Parade Route (Saturday):** Start at MK Brown, south on Somerville, east on Francis, south on Cuyler, east on Atchison and disband at the Train Depot.

## RODEO PARADE ROUTE MAP



## FRIDAY NIGHT IS SENIOR NIGHT AT THE TOP O' TEXAS RODEO

Senior Night is returning to the 77th Top O' Texas Rodeo on Friday, August 9, to be held at the Top O' Texas / B & G Electric arena.

Those ages 65 and up can buy one adult ticket for \$20 and receive one adult ticket free. This ticket is good for both the rodeo and the dance, as well as the free barbe-cue and the Mutton Bustin' Extravaganza, Mini Bulls and Walk & Trot Bulls.

Please join us for a night of family fun, good eats, and lots of rodeo action! LET 'ER BUCK!



## RESERVED PARKING SPACES AVAILABLE FOR TOP O' TEXAS RODEO DANCES

Reserved parking spaces are now available for the Top O' Texas Rodeo dances. These spaces are 14' wide and can be used for both Friday and Saturday dances for \$125.

One complimentary rodeo ticket for each night is included as well. Tickets are good for both the rodeo and the dance.

Seth Ward and The Silence will perform at the dance on Friday, August 9. Bart Crow will entertain on Saturday, August 10, with Seth Ward & The Silence. Dances begin at 9:00 p.m. nightly at the Top O' Texas/Norris Pavilion located adjacent to the rodeo arena.

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