

San Angelo Stock Show
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Hooves & Happenings...

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Attention in the barn...



Greetings! We hope the very first edition of "Hooves & Happenings" finds everyone doing well and in good spirits. The staff

at the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Association would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all our volunteers, committeemen and women, citizens of the community, previous attendees and contestants for their support and enthusiasm over the years.

As preparations for the 78th Annual Stock Show & Rodeo are under way here at the office, we take a minute to step back and reminisce on some

shining moments over the past year. Leading up to the month of February, the Celebration of Champions World's Greatest Horseman made quite a stir in the community and really put San Angelo on the map in the equine world. We are looking forward to hosting this prestigious event for the next several years and hope to attain similar events in the future.

The Stock Show & Rodeo shattered its previously-held records from live-stock entries to gate admittance, creative arts to carnival rides, rodeo purse to premium sale contributions.

We also played host to the United States Team Roping Championships and American Junior Rodeo Association's National Finals during the sum-

mer and are looking forward to a full schedule in the upcoming months.

Thousands of hours are spent in preparation of the multitude of events held at the fairgrounds and we feel our deep-rooted family of volunteers should be commended. Many have come before us and many will follow in the footsteps we imprint today. Even in tough times, we can pull together and uphold the standards set for us for many future generations to enjoy. We understand our staff alone could not drive our stock show to ranking 3rd largest in the state and 5th largest rodeo in the nation.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and look forward to working with each and every one of you!

Bar set for 56th Annual Wrangler Cowboy Roping Fiesta

The 56th Annual Wrangler Roping Fiesta is to be held in the outdoor arena October 24-25. The calf roping will include some of the top tie-down ropers in the business, and of course, the highly anticipated match roping on Saturday featuring 11-time and reigning Roping Fiesta Champion Cody Ohl. Quickly moving up the PRCA standings is Monty Lewis of Hereford, Texas, who will attempt to steal Ohl's crown.

As always, Jake Hooker and The Outsiders will sing and play the night away at the Wells Fargo Pavilion to all who dare to partake in the "always sold out" dance beginning Saturday night at 9:00 p.m..

Cowboy Church Service will be held at 9:00 a.m. Sunday in the Livestock Sale Pavilion presented by the San Angelo Cowboy Church.

Last, but surely not least, Sunday's steer roping promises to be a western experience with the Double Mugging Championships thrown into the mix. Roping starts at 1:00 p.m. each day.

Don't forget to get your Christmas shopping started early at the Cowboy Collectable Show open daily at 9:00 a.m. in the Coliseum and Cattle Barn.



Reining, car show make 'noise'



Melanie Wilhelm brings her horse to a stop during the 4R Performance Horses "September Slide."

It seems like we start getting busier a little earlier each year, and 2009 is no different. September kicked off with a bang where the First Community Credit Union Spur Arena played host to the 4R Performance Horses "September Slide." This year marked its 3rd birthday in San Angelo and the community impact was remarkable. Hotels and restaurants teemed with business as over 300 trainers, owners, contestants and families arrived in town Wednesday, September 16th and stayed through Sunday.

The National Reining Horse Association event garnered participants from all over the nation, increasing profits 160% from just one year previous. Saturday night's \$5,000 Added Open Futurity event boasted two of the highest scoring runs recorded in the nation this year and ended in a tie between top trainers Bryan Bell out of Oklahoma, and Dell Hendricks from Tioga, TX. Spectators and contestants alike were thrilled to witness and take part in the competition featuring strikingly beautiful horses in a fabulous facility.

Of course, we would be remiss if we failed to mention our volunteers who helped make this event possible: Marguerite Pickett, Judy Hight, Dacie Walker, Becky Wilson, Tena Kirkham, Gay Schulze, Jason Pickett, Kyle Wonjura, Jeanie Lynch and Lauren Fortier. These ladies and gentlemen made quite a name for themselves in the barn by ensuring our contestants received first-class, West Texas hospitality that exhibitors and families have come to expect from the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Association.

It seems the multi-purpose facility in the First Community Spur Arena has its work cut out for the month of October. The San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Association will entertain the community and surrounding enthusiasts with a full slate of events, including the World Championship Double Mugging competition, Silver Spur Circuit Horse Shows and the 56th Annual Cowboy Roping Fiesta.

Meanwhile, back at the fairgrounds, the Exotic Mini Car Club held their competition for the third consecutive year with us. This show packed quite a punch with spectators and car owners flocking in by the hundreds to see the displays. Approximately 100 cars and automobiles participated in a variety of activities, including a tire burnout. Residents surrounding the fairgrounds probably felt (if only for a weekend) as if they were living like the residents around Jerry Jones's "playground" in the Dallas Cowboys' new \$1.5 billion stadium. With tires squealing, rubber burning, engines revving, the auto show made its presence known down Grape Creek Road.

At the Exotic Mini Car Club show, one could also enjoy wrestling matches, musical entertainment and added attractions, such as food and vendor booths. We are delighted to host unique events such as these and share the fairgrounds with animal-lovers and car-lovers alike.

Fall Spectacular coming in November

Conner Newsom and McKenna Bergman show off their Grand and Reserve Champion lambs at the 2008 Fall Spectacular.



For the second consecutive year, the Fall Spectacular Jackpot Show will be held November 14-15 on the Fairgrounds. The event previously known as the "Summer Spectacular" was moved to the fall to beat the summer heat and

attract more exhibitors with varying school schedules.

Record numbers in 2008 proved the change as beneficial with over 1,300 cattle, sheep, goats, and pigs exhibited by 266 exhibitors representing 100 different cities. The shows, which awarded over \$24,000 in prize money filled the exhibitors' pockets, as well as packed community hotels and restaurants over a single weekend.

This event is promised to only expand in participation as it becomes established in the fall leading up to the major show season. The Fall Spectacular is quickly becoming one of the largest jackpot shows in the state and we welcome any volunteers with an interest in livestock or who just want to be involved with the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Association!