

Get Ready for a Great Rodeo Ride

Hawley Rodeo Fest is just around the corner, and its crammed pack with events for all ages. Throughout the week, the community will experience life in the saddle, from a peaceful horse-drawn wagon ride to bucking broncos. There will be entertainment out at the rodeo grounds, downtown, and throughout the neighborhood, from June 5 to the 12.

On Monday, June 7, the Hawley Women of Today (WOT) will crown a new Little Miss and Miss Hawley. This year, the WOT will host two Little Miss pageants, from 6:00 to 6:30, with the second pageant running from 6:30 to 7 in the high school auditorium. "We are having two Little Miss pageants, so we can allow the third-grade girls who didn't get to participate in Little Miss last year as second graders their opportunity," WOT, Heidi Fiskness shared. The Miss Hawley pageant will start at 7 p.m. Admission for adults is \$5 and \$2 for students. Auditorium seating has increased to 208 with face masks required, but that is always subject to change. The WOT are also looking into livestreaming the pageant.

On Tuesday, June 8, meander on down to the Rodeo Grounds for Hawley Rodeo Fest Round Robin, starting at 7 p.m. and free to the public. The Little Riders Rodeo will stampede into the Hawley Rodeo grounds Wednesday, June 9, at 7. This event is also free and open to the public and something many kids might find interesting as they watch hillside kids their age compete in rodeo-style events.

Wednesday, June 9, Library Story Walk with Hawley Library out at Westgate Park, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, June 12, will be a day filled with neighborhood activities starting with the Hegland Rodeo Breakfast at the Parish Center (423 6 Street) for 8 to 11. The free-will offering breakfast, fit for a bullfighter, includes biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, juice and coffee.

Over at Riverbend Park is the annual Rodeo Horseshoe Tournament, starting at 9 a.m.

Downtown Hawley will be busy with the annual street fair with many local vendors set up from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., selling a large variety of unique items. The Hawley Jaycees will also be selling concessions during this time. Down the street, starting at noon, the Hawley Fire Relief's Water Wars will give kiddos a chance to spray a firehose. Fire engines and playing with water, what more could the kids ask for? How about a parade?



The Kiddie Parade, sponsored by the Hawley WOT, will start at 3 p.m. and lead into the Rodeo Fest Parade at 4. This year the parade will start from the parking lot by the football field due to construction and continue down Sixth Street, right into the heart of Hawley. "I've been a part of the Hawley parade in the past, and I look forward to being a part of it again this year. It is always a good thing to see that community connection to the rodeo. If the rodeo is just that one night, the connection isn't as strong. However, when it becomes a community and family event, you've got parents telling their kids about all those great memories of going to the rodeo and parade, and they're a lot less likely to miss the event. That gets the kids involved young, and just like that, you have rodeo fans for life," Rodeo Clown Allan Dessel commented.

All these events lead up to the Hawley Rodeo. The Barnes PRCA will put on two performances, Friday, June 11, and Saturday, June 12, at 7 p.m. until the last bull rider's boots hit the dirt.



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