## 2023 Potato Days - FESTIVAL GUIDE

## August 25 and August 26 at the Clay County Fairgrounds Plan Now To Attend Wojo's Rodeo



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Fifteen thrilling events round out a full evening of rip-roaring excitement. You will see team roping, breakaway roping, calf roping, bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, mini bull riding, steer wrestling, barrel racing, junior goat tying, goat tying, calf roping, and ranch bronc riding.

Rodeos date back more than 200 years in the American West. Wranglers bucking broncs out was the original method for training horses to bear a rider. Gratefully, those techniques have changed but people thrill at watching the action and waiting for the eight second buzzer. Judges carefully monitor the action of spurs by the rider. The individual end score is a combination of judged actions.

The word rodeo has its origins with the Spanish vaqueros or ranch hands using the term 'rodear' meaning roundup. Cattle are typically gathered using many of the techniques of which rodeos are made. Bull riding remains one of the most popular of rodeo events, and one of the most dangerous.

The rodeo committee worked really hard getting all pieces organized to make the rodeo an enjoyable addition to Potato Days. "Now we are finalizing the plans for parking, food trucks and vendors, beer garden, and setting up the arena at the grandstand," Megan Askegaard advised. She is the rodeo committee chairperson..

Buckles are ordered for the winners in each event. Promotional shirts and complimentary tickets are available to show appreciation for the sponsors' help in getting the rodeo to Potato Days.

"The rodeo is an action packed three hours of family entertainment from mini bulls to bulls to barrel racing. There will be fun food trucks, shaved ice, and a mechanical bull at the grandstand to add to the entertainment of the rodeo."

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