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2025 Boone County Fair Events

Tuesday, Aug. 5

Merchant's Day
Non-Livestock (Home Econ) Bldg
CLOSED for judging
8:00-9:00 a.m.
Poultry Show 4-H
8:30-9:30 a.m.
4-H Horse & Pony Show
12:00-2:00 p.m.
Harness & Colt Racing
12:00-1:00 p.m.
Music by Hallie (Milestone singers)
12:00-1:00 p.m.
All 3 Commercial Buildings Open
12:00-12:30 p.m.
Flag Raising - VFW Color Guard
2:30-5:30 p.m.
Galaxy (Classic Country)
3:00-7:00 pm.
Weigh-In Swine Jr. & Open Show
6:00-9:30 p.m.
Ranch Sorting
7:00-10:00 p.m.
Dale Rhode & the CrossRoads
(Country)
7:30-10:00 p.m.
Queen Pageant & Little Miss Pageant
(Sponsored by Byron Bank))

Wednesday, Aug. 6

7:30-8:30 a.m.
Open and Junior Poultry Show
8:00-11:30 a.m.
Open Rabbit Show
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
4-H Horse Speed Events
9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
4-H Purebred Swine Shows
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
4-H Dairy Steer Show
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
4-H Sheep Show
10:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Outdoor Exhibits Open
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Kids Day (Games & Contests)
(Sponsored by Midland
State Bank/Belvidere)
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
4-H Beef Carcass Show
12:00-5:00 p.m.
Reduced Carnival Rides
12:00-3:30 p.m.
Acoustic Millenium Band
12:00-2:00 p.m.
VIP Classes
1:00-2:00 p.m.
Gambler's Choice Team
Driving Obstacle course
3:30-4:30 p.m.
4-H Rabbit Show
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Boone County 4-H Team
Driving Drill Team
4:00-5:00 p.m.
Team Feed Race
followed by
4-H Driving Drill Team
4:00-5:00 p.m.
Jung's Tae Kwon Do

5:00-6:00 p.m.
Antique Tractor Parade
(Contact Rick Peters, Superintendent
Phone # 815-670-3192)
6:00-7:00 p.m.
Horses (Draft or Light)
Team Driving - Obstacle Course
7:00-10:00 p.m.
Detour Band (Old Country 50's-60's)
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Monster Truck Show

Thursday Aug. 7

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Junior Sheep Show
8:00-10:00 a.m.
4-H Goat Show
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
4-H Dairy Show
9:00-11:30 a.m.
4-H Beef Show
9:00-11:00 a.m.
4-H CrossBreed Swine Show
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Pee Wee Poultry Show
9:00-10:00 a.m.
Pony Classes
10:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m.
Outdoor Exhibits Open
10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Farm Tractor Pulls
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Kids Day (Games & Contests)
(Sponsored by Midland State
Bank/Belvidere)
10:00-11:00 a.m.
Peace and New Life Worship Service
11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Reduced Carnival Rides
11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Gene Shepherd and Mike Schneider
Band
12:00-2:00 p.m.
Matthew Wundrow Band
(Polka - Old Country Music)
2:00-5:30 p.m.
Local/Regional Tractor and Truck Pulls
(Sponsored by Burger King)
3:30-5:30 p.m.
Audrey Fontana Band
(Nashville Country)
4:00-6:00 p.m.
Draft Horses Junior Performance
and Cart Classes
(Sponsored by Byron Bank)
5:00-7:00 p.m.
4-H Livestock Auction
5:30-10:00 p.m.
Kevin Burns - Good Vibrations
(Beach Music)
6:00-7:00 p.m.
Mother/Daughter Look Alike Contest
(Sponsored by Parnell Foods)
6:30-9:00 p.m.
Tractor and Truck Pull
7:00-8:00 p.m.
Father/Son Look Alike Contest
(Sponsored by Parnell Foods)
Friday, Aug. 8
8:00-9:30 a.m.
Dairy Goat Show - Open Classes

8:30-9:30 a.m.
Open & Junior Market Barrow Show
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Open & Jr. Dairy Show
(Heifer Classes & Other)
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Open and Jr Beef Show
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Draft Horse Halter Show
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Pony Halter & Performance Classes
9:00-10:00 a.m.
Open Sheep Show
10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Outdoor Exhibits Open
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
ATV Racing by KICKABUDA
Promotions (Sponsored by
Hammertine Sports)
12:00-3:00 p.m.
Grass Attack (Blue Grass/Country)
3:30pm - 4:30 p.m.
Magic by Herb Rosene
4:30-7:00 p.m.
Gene Shepherd and Mike
Schneider Band
5:00-6:00 p.m.
4-H Master Showmanship Contest
5:00-6:00 p.m.
Ms. LaMaster's School of Dance
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Open Wether Show
7:00-10:00 p.m.
Silver Creek Band
7:00-10:00 p.m.
Next Level Bull Riding

Saturday, Aug. 9

7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Weak End Antique Tractor Pull
followed by Rock County Pullers
and Amateur Garden Tractor Pulls
8:30-9:30 a.m.
Pee Wee Swine Show
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Open & Junior Dairy Show Cow
Classes
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Boer Goat Open Show
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Open Sheep Show
9:00-10:00 a.m.
Open & Jr. Steer Judging
9:00-10:00 am.
Pony Performance & Hitch Classes
9:30-10:00 .am.
Amateur Talent Content Signup
10:00 a.m. 8:30 p.m.
Outdoor Exhibits Open
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Draft Horse Hitch Classes
(Sponsored by Byron Bank)
10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Junior Talent Contest (Age up to 14 -
Sponsored by Parnell Foods)
12:00-2:00 p.m.
Supreme Grand Champion
Dairy Selected
12:00-1:00pm.
Swine Costume Show

12:30-3:30 p.m.
Senior Talent Contest (Age 15-21 -
Sponsored by Parnell Foods)
1:00-:00 p.m.
Pony Hitch Classes
3:00-4:00 p.m.
Fur and Feather and Weather Auction
3:30-4:30 p.m.
Main Street Players of Boone County
4:30-7:00 p.m.
Gene Shepherd and Mike
Schneider Band
5:00-6:00 p.m.
Celas Dance & Education Center
7:00-10:00 p.m.
Missing Links
7:00-10:00 p.m.
Justin Moore with Noah Hicks

Sunday, Aug. 10

8:30-9:30 a.m.
Church Service (Conducted by
Gideon's International)
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Alpaca Costume Show
9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Six Shooters at Dawn N. Illinois
Outlaws Mounted Shoot
10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.
Outdoor Exhibits Open
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Pedal Pushers Pull (Sponsored by
The Henninger & Cloyd Families)
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Jr. Dairy Cattle - Pee Wee Show
12:00-1:00 p.m.
Wood Carving Auction
12:30-1:30 p.m.
Lip Sync Contest
1:00-2:30 p.m.
Demolition Derby - Robbo's
Extreme Derby Promotions
1:30-3:00 p.m.
Karaoke Contest
4:00-8:00 p.m.
NUVILLADA NORTENA
(Regional Mexican Music)
5:00-6:00 p.m.
Air Fly By (Steve Tomas)
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Demolition Derby - Robbo's
Extreme Derby Promotions

Wednesday, Aug. 27

6:30-9:00 p.m.
FAIR Appreciation Dinner (Contact:
BCFA Office 815-544-2900)





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Admission/tickets 2025

General Admission

Daily Admission	\$10
Season Tickets	
Advance sale	\$25
At the gate.....	\$40
Kids (0-9 years)	Free
Seniors 65+ (8/8)	Free
Day Pass 25 pack	\$175
Day Pass 50 pack	\$300
Concessions Pass	\$22
Exhibitor Tickets	\$20

Tickets

Seats in the grandstand may be reserved every evening except Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Aug. 5

7:30 p.m. Queen Pageant – Free Grandstand

Aug. 6

7 p.m. Monster Truck Show
 \$25 Grandstand
 \$20 Bleachers
 \$30 Infield Bleachers (waivers will need to be signed)
 No pit passes sold
 Pit Party \$5
 Ride truck \$20

Aug. 7

6:30 p.m. Truck, Tractor & Semi Pulls

\$15 Grandstand
 \$10 Bleachers
 \$20 Pit Pass each (four helpers if named on list, \$10)

Aug. 8

7 p.m. Next Level Pro-Bull Riding (150 Bleacher Seats available at North End of Arena \$40)
 \$20 Grandstand
 \$15 Bleachers

Aug. 9

7 p.m. Justin Moore and Noah Hicks
 \$50 Pit (stand up only)
 \$50 Restricted Seated Only
 \$45 Track (sit or stand)
 \$40 Grandstand
 \$30 Bleachers

Aug. 10

Demolition Derby
 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.
 (Prices for EACH show)
 \$20 Grandstand
 \$15 Bleachers
 \$30 Pit Pass
 (Note that all demolition derby tickets will be sold only at the grandstand ticket building)

Parking at the fairgrounds is offered free of charge.
 Designated handicapped parking

will be available.

Gates will be open 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday

Show ticket sales

Online Tickets for Justin Moore and Noah Hicks are on sale online at: <http://midmusicickets.showare.com/eventperformances.asp?evt=51>

In-person tickets at the main gate ticket office located on Rt. 76, Gate 1 of the Boone County Fairgrounds, Belvidere, IL 61008.

Now through Aug. 1, Monday and Tuesday sales will be available 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday sales will be available 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 2-3, the ticket office will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 4, it will be open 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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FUR & FEATHER AUCTION

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9 • 3 P.M.

Boone County Fairgrounds– Livestock Arena

Selling order: poultry and rabbits



For more information, contact the Boone County Auction Association, NFP, Inc. at (815) 543-1814



The Granges of Boone County have run the fair since 1957

County fairs are agricultural expositions that were first established in this country in 1841 when agricultural groups organized the first fairs in Syracuse, NY and Naper Settlement (Naperville, Ill.) Food, both its production and enjoyment, has been the centerpiece of fairs since the beginning.

These local exhibitions promoted modern farming, which included livestock judging; judging of produce, fruits, flowers, grains and dairy products; exhibits of new agricultural implements and techniques and various contests such as plowing, which would eventually become tractor pulling competitions. Harness races would become a very popular part of agricultural fairs from about 1875 and on through the mid 1900s. We still feature harness races at the Boone County Fair.

Local county fair history

The first county fair in Belvidere was held in 1855 in Big Thunder Park. In 1867 the fair was relocated to what is now Spencer Park, which happened to be the same year the National Grange was founded.

The Grange (or Patrons of Husbandry) is the oldest agricultural organization in the United States being founded in 1867 to help organize the farmers after the Civil War. The Grange today is a family community service organization advocating for agriculture and rural America. There are seven local chapters of the National Grange in Boone County with more than 400 members.

Some members of the seven local chapters meet on a County level bi-monthly at what is known as the Boone County Pomona Grange. The Pomona Grange (or County Grange) has its own set of officers and committees. The Pomona Grange took over the operation of the Boone County Fair at what is now Spencer Park and formed the Boone County Fair Association in 1957.

After six years of operation the Pomona Grange found itself with a fair that needed new buildings and more land if it were to grow and succeed. With no prospects or money for either in November of 1962 the Pomona Grange members voted to make the 1963 fair their last one.

A month or two later and the Taylor sisters came forward with a reasonable offer to sell the Pomona Grange 84 acres on Route 76 about a miles north of Belvidere. A few Grange members came forward and offered their farms as collateral so the purchase of the land could be made.

What it is today

Flash forward to 2014, and we have 153 acres with many buildings, barns and arenas making up Boone County Fairgrounds Park owned and operated by the Granges of Boone County. The four executive officers of the Boone County Fair Association, a 501(c)(3) organization, are elected by members of the Pomona Grange with each of the seven local chapters selecting four members to be on the fair board.

As you can see the Boone County

Fair has been a big part of the county for a long time. I can't speak for all fairs but at Boone County we are still a good place to do business with vendors of all types of equipment and supplies for agricultural purposes. But even urbanites can do business such as buy a car; buy landscaping services, water softeners, a new hat, or whatever.

The fair is also one large community fundraiser. Nearly every civic organization has a booth or provides a service at the fair to raise money. The 4-H clubs, The Lions, Cosmos, Boy Scouts, Church groups, County Fire departments, and yes, even the Granges are all here raising money for their various projects for the community.

However, the centerpiece is still the livestock and non-livestock (home arts, fruits, vegetables, flowers, grains). We will have about 3,000 head of livestock, everything from rabbits to draft horses and 6,000 non-livestock entries, everything from quilts to corn to cakes to photos.

Our superintendents do an outstanding job promoting participation in their various departments.

For the 4-H members it's a chance to show their talents, to learn to carry through on a project, to learn to raise and care for an animal and to show that animal and have the animal and themselves judged for their showmanship abilities.

The fair is a place where people from the city can learn about agriculture. They can see a cow being milked, a chick being hatched, a sheep being sheared, and a team of six draft horses being hitched to a wagon. It's all up close and personal and they can ask the farmer or rancher questions. And the farmer or rancher will be more than happy to answer. It's probably more important than ever that people understand where their food comes from and how it's raised. The fair is place where you can see agriculture in action, firsthand.

The Boone County Fair is also a grand social event, a once a year six day community family reunion. Where you can just go and sit and see old friends and make new ones. And of course we like to have some fun too.

There is plenty of free entertainment all through the park all day long and some thrill rides and games if that's your thing. Plus some great grandstand shows for a night out with your friends.

We've been very fortunate in Boone County to have such a successful county fair.

The fairgrounds is a great asset to the community as a venue for almost any event from weddings, to concerts, to flea markets and swap meets, to auctions and a place to store your boat or camper for the winter.

The fairgrounds have something going on almost every weekend from April 1 to Nov. 1. This fair exists because of the hard work, the sweat and sacrifice of hundreds upon hundreds of volunteers who strived since 1957 to make the Boone County Fair the best in Illinois.

It's a fair we can all be proud of. The bottom line is you don't have to be a farmer or rancher to be interested in

agriculture or county fairs or to even be a member of The Grange.

As long as we all eat food we are all interested in agriculture. And a good place to eat food is the county fair or a Grange potluck.

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Celebrating our journey

In 1855 Boone County Agricultural Society formed to organize the first Boone County Fair. Allen C Fuller was principal organizer. An area of flat land north of the courthouse was purchased and the first fair was held Oct. 25-26. Stock was exhibited and admission was free. Domestic articles and manufactured wares were to be exhibited at Union Hall with Thursday's attendance at roughly 3,000 and Friday's at approximately 5,000. There were 50 horse entries in addition to mares and colts. Local talent performed in the evening at Union Hall **1863-1865** No fairs were held during the Civil War

1867 Old fairgrounds were sold (by courthouse) for \$675. Land purchased at the west end of Lincoln Ave for \$1,200 (now Spencer Park) Racetrack and judges stand were built

1877 Fair had 1,048 entries

1906 Belvidere Amphitheater Company formed to erect the amphitheater as fair association felt they couldn't pay to have it built. A group of men paid \$1,200.

1911 Fair association now owns grandstand

1913 Season pass cost \$1.25 and covered man and wife while a season pass for children 6-12 years old cost .25

1925 New entrance complete-located about 1,000 feet east of the former gate 1931 Adams Rodeo added to lineup and replaced harness racing

1945 Fair cancelled in an effort to reduce infantile paralysis epidemic

1957 Granges took over fair operations under the management of Pomona Grange

1963 Last fair to be held at old fairgrounds (Spencer Park). Eighty-four acres was purchased on Route 76 for a third fairgrounds

1964 First fair to be held at current location

1965 Cattle barn and grandstand (minus roof) were added

1966 Dairy barn was added

1967 Hog barn was added

1968 Sheep barn was added

1970 A Home Economics building was added

1972 Two additional buildings were added

1981 Large horse barn & grandstand roof added

1991 Seventeen additional acres were acquired for a total of 101 acres

1993 Fifty-two more acres were acquired for a total of 153 acres

1994 Beaver Valley Grange Hall, which was founded in 1916, was moved to the fairgrounds

1999 Goat barn was added

2005 Swine building was extended and many new cement sidewalks were added

2013 50th anniversary at the Route 76 location.

A closer look at The Grange

The Grange (officially known as The Order of Patrons of Husbandry) is a fraternal organization with a rich history and a highly visible community presence in the United States. (For historical information, see Birthplace of an American Treasure)

The organization is a perfect example of a grassroots, bottom-up group. The backbone of the Grange is the more than 3,000 local "subordinate" Granges, which are located in more than 30 states.

These Granges offer a wide range of locally oriented programs and activities for children, youth and adults. Each holds regular meetings where issues of community concern are often discussed. There are social events, contests and community service projects sponsored by the Granges.

On the county or regional level these local Granges band together into units known as Pomona Granges, primarily for discussion of concerns which affect a larger territory. On the statewide level Granges cooperate by supporting a State Grange organization which oversees the activities of all subordinate Granges as well as conducts lobbying and other activities on behalf of all members in the state.

The National Grange is situated in its own office building just a couple of blocks from the White House. National programs are headquartered there and lobbying staff is active on Capitol Hill.

The Grange at each level is guided by 16 elected officers. The officer slate at each level is led by a master. This title, which refers to the position functioning as the organization's president or chairperson, is one of several officer names dating back to the feudal English estates.

The vice president is called the overseer and there are people assuming the duties of secretary, treasurer, chaplain and an executive committee. A lecturer is responsible for the short programs at each meeting and, often, the Grange's community service program.

The Grange, like the Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks and Moose, is a fraternal organization. One distinctive feature of fraternal orders is their emphasis upon traditional procedures for conducting their meetings.

These procedures, often called rituals, employ members who have specific parts to play in opening and closing ceremonies. The Grange, like other fraternities, has levels or "degrees" of membership and a member advances from one level to the next by participating in or observing the rituals for that level.

Joining a local Grange is a positive step, which can bring many personal rewards. Prospective members are recommended by current members but anyone interested in joining merely needs to approach a member and ask for an application.

The Grange has the historical distinction as being one of the first major national organizations besides the church, which sought the membership and involvement of everyone in the family.

Grange members have an equal voice and an equal vote at meetings regardless of their age, sex or position within the

2025 Boone County Fair Sponsors

Platinum Level Sponsors

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First Mid Bank (Miss Make Believe)
George's Fun Foods (Entertainment Bldg)
Hydeout Bar & Grill (Timberworks Lumberjack Show)
Lee Auction Service (Zoli's Wood Carving)
McKinney's Foods (Entertainment Bldg.)
River Valley Electric (Alpacas)
Smokin' Coop BBQ (Timberworks)

Lumberjack Show)
Tilford's Towing (First Bite Fishing Tank)
Thornberry's Concessions (Entertainment Bldg)

Tobin, Ramon & Barber (Ready Set Go Dog Show)
Ultimate Car Wash & Express Lube (First Bite Fishing Tank)



Friends of the Fair

Upper photo: Mr. D was a beloved and unforgettable presence at the Boone County Fair, where his infectious joy, quick wit, and enchanting magic shows delighted generations. With a twinkle in his eye and a heart full of generosity, he not only entertained but inspired, mentoring young magicians and spreading wonder wherever he went. His signature phrase, "There's magic in me and magic in you," lives on in the many lives he touched. The Fair won't be the same without him – thank you, Mr. D, for the memories and the magic. **Above:** Debbie White was recognized with the "Friend of the Fair" award at the 2025 Illinois Association of Agricultural Fairs convention in January. We at the Boone County Fair congratulate Debbie for more than twelve years as our office manager. We thank her for her dedicated service throughout the years.

COURTESY PHOTOS Boone County Fair

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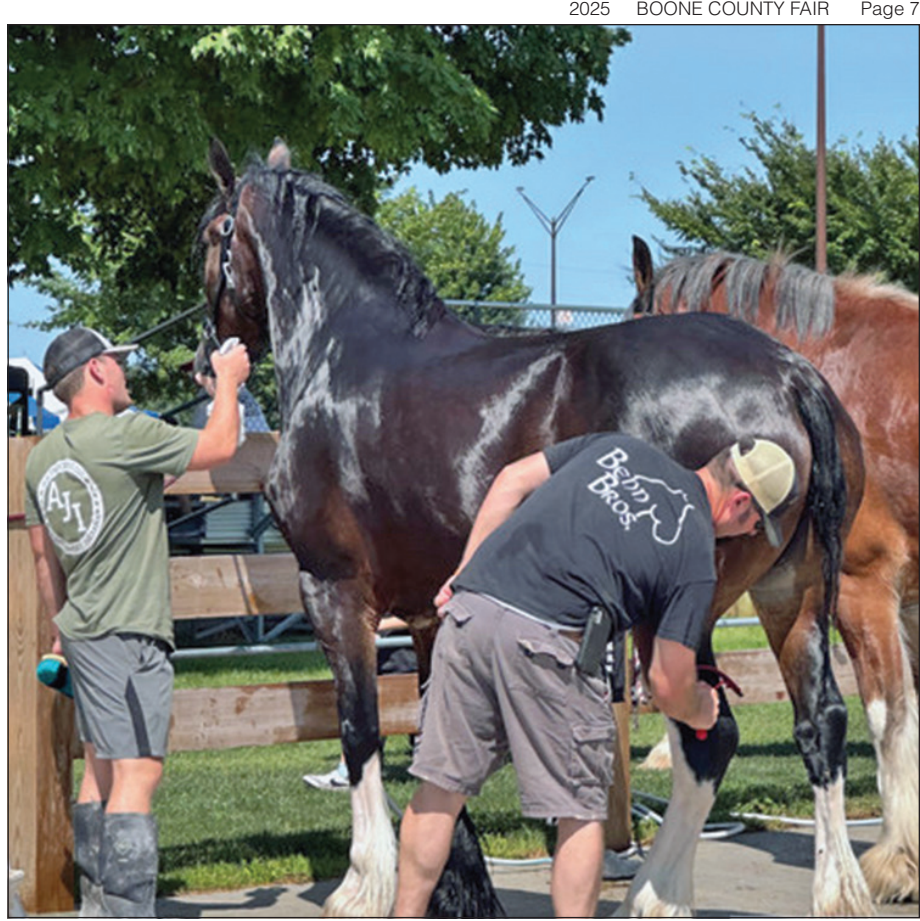


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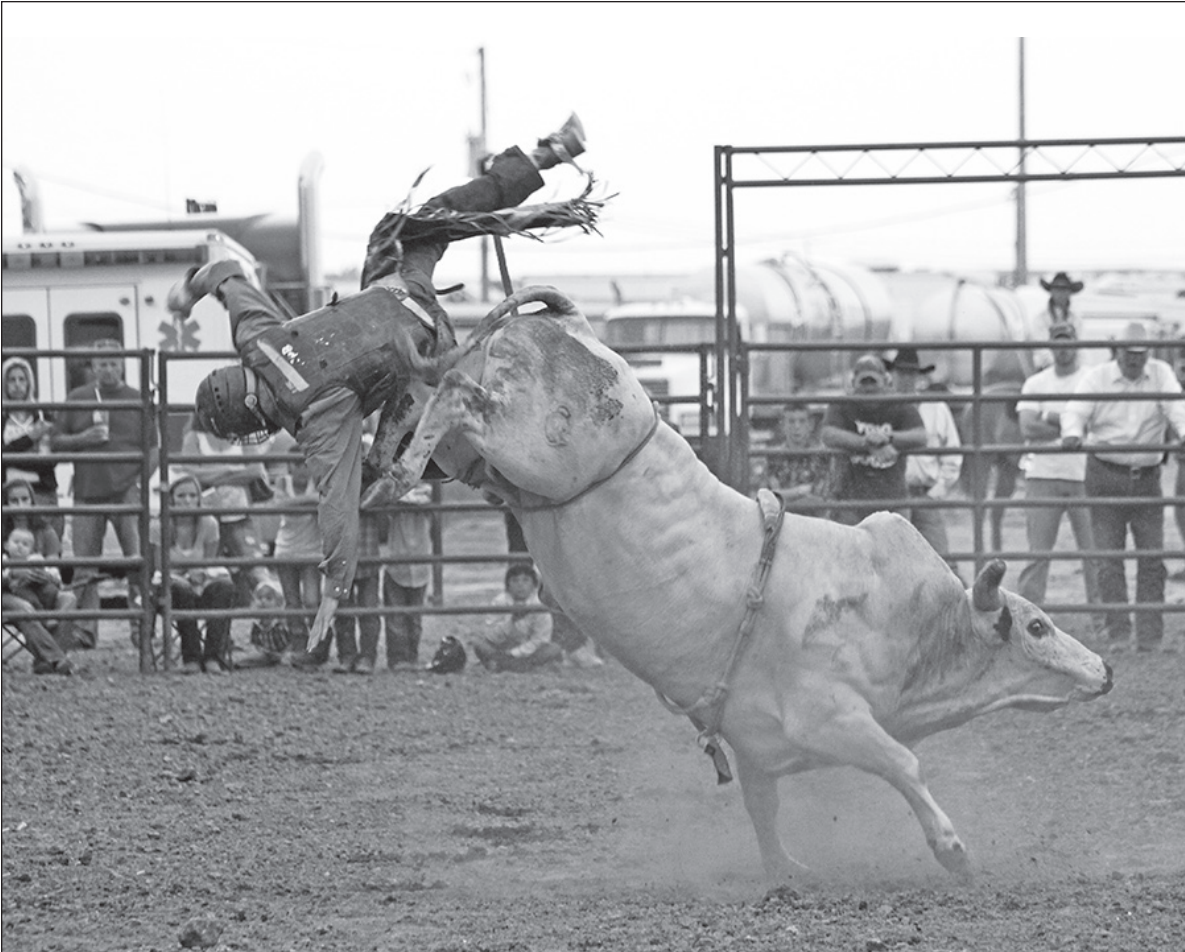


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