

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Guymon Pioneer Days Rodeo

For information
Contact Ted Harbin

(660) 254-1900
imteditor@gmail.com

Guymon area is home to rodeo elite

GUYMON, Okla. – There must be something special in the water near Guymon, because the region is well known for being a hotbed for rodeo greatness.

In all, there are dozens of world champions who have ties to a 50- mile radius of the Texas County seat. From 19-time world champion Trevor Brazile, who was raised near Gruver, Texas, to numerous titlist who have attended Oklahoma Panhandle State University in nearby Goodwell, Okla., it all adds up to some amazing talent.

It all will be part of the magnificence on display during the Guymon Pioneer Days Rodeo, set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 2; 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 3; and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at Henry C. Hitch Pioneer Arena.

In addition to Brazile's gold buckles, there are numerous other world championships represented in the region: ProRodeo Hall of Famers Billy and Robert Etbauer, South Dakota cowboys who transplanted to Oklahoma and spent the better part of their careers rodeoing out of Goodwell with their brother, Dan, and good friend, Craig Latham; and saddle bronc riders Tom Reeves and Taos Muncy, steer roper Rocky Patterson and team roper Jhett Johnson, who were part of the Panhandle State rodeo team.

Every year, ProRodeo's elite earn the right to battle for those elusive gold buckles, and a good portion of them have ties to the region. Last December, Brazile was joined by four others from the area at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo: steer wrestler Bray Armes, who also grew up near Gruver, and saddle bronc riders Tyler Corrington, Taos Muncy and Cort Scheer, the latter two of whom were part of the Panhandle State rodeo program; Corrington lives in Gruver.

Brazile added two gold buckles in 2013, his 11th all-around title and his fourth in steer roping. In fact, he battled Patterson down to the final run of the season during the Clem McSpadden National Finals Steer Roping at the Lazy E Arena; they were joined by Mike Chase, another cowboy with Panhandle State ties.

In Las Vegas, the five cowboys with ties to the region had more than \$450,000 in combined earnings, led by Brazile, who competed in tie-down roping and team roping. In single events, Armes led the way with the bulldogging average championship and \$100,358. Scheer, who finished second in the bronc riding average and was one of just two cowboys to ride all 10 horses, earned nearly \$76,000, followed by Muncy at \$73,117 and Corrington at \$32,742.

Of those, Brazile has had the most success in Guymon over the years. Of course, a lot of that comes with competing in three events. Muncy owns the 2007 bronc riding championship and the trophy belt that is awarded to Guymon winners.

Now they're all hoping to claim their respective titles at this year's Pioneer Days Rodeo. It's why the best in the business make their way to Guymon every spring and why it continues to be one of the most sought-after titles in the game.