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## STATESBORO KIWANIS RODEO

The Kiwanis Club of Statesboro took a giant leap of faith when they named the first ever Statesboro Kiwanis Rodeo the First Annual and here we are welcoming you to the 11th Annual Statesboro Kiwanis Rodeo!

The Kiwanis Club of Statesboro is grateful to each and every sponsor of our rodeo: past, present and future. We could not put on this rodeo without the support of our community partners–sponsors, media outlets and you–our spectators.

Of course, we couldn't have a rodeo without the fantastic stock contractor, Hedrick Rodeo Company and Danny Hedrick's hard work and dedication to the sport of rodeo. He continues to bring top-notch announcers and clowns to Statesboro year after year.

We are grateful to be under the roof here at the Bulloch County Agricultural Complex again this year after last year's monsoon!

The Kiwanis Club of Statesboro is able to give money back to surrounding counties including Bulloch, Screven, Jenkins, Tattnall, Candler, Bryan and Evans because of your patronage. While the Kiwanis mission is to "improve the world, one child and one community at a time", we donate money to other causes such as senior citizens initiatives, domestic violence shelters and law enforcement. In addition, we fund sponsorships at both Ogeechee Technical College and Georgia Southern University.

To the 2022 Statesboro Kiwanis Rodeo Committee–Thank you. Thank you for being a fantastic team that has endured meeting after meeting and really pulled together to create what will be a great rodeo!

Thanks,

Ashlee Hooks Corbin 2022 Statesboro Kiwanis Rodeo Chair

#### ~ RODEO COMMITTEE ~

CHAIR: Ashlee Hooks Corbin

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## **ABOUT THE RODEO**

Rodeo has a unique quality of origin to which no other professional sport can lay claim. It emerged from an industry...from the daily routine and tasks of a low paying job with long hours performed by ranch hands who came to know the animals with which they lived. If it were any other kind of job, leisure hours might have produced another kind of ball game rather than a recreation involving the very animals one had already spent long hours tending. But cowboying has always been more of a way of life than a job or an opportunity to get rich.

#### ~ ORDER OF EVENTS ~

- Bareback Bronc Riding
- Saddle Bronc Riding
- Steer Wrestling
- Team Roping
- Calf Roping
- Barrel Racing
- Bull Riding









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#### DANNY HEDRICK

Hedrick Rodeo Company of Madisonville, Tennessee is celebrating its 17th year producing rodeos. Owner Danny Hedrick draws on many years of knowledge and experienced rodeo - in 1983, Danny got on his first bucking horse. Danny understands rodeo from all aspects.... qualified for the IFR as a contestant, the AFR 12 years in a row, S.E. Regional Finalist and the Southern Rodeo Finals. Danny retired on the rough stock end and began judging rodeos all over the southeast. He was voted in to judge the National Cowboy Finals 10 times, the Southern States Rodeo Finals 4 times, and the Southern Rough Stock Finals. Hedrick Rodeo was proud to be named the Stock Contractor of the Year 2014, voted by the SPRA contestants.

#### **JUSTIN HEDRICK**

Justin is 22 years old and plays an incredible role in Hedrick rodeos - you will see him flanking horses, carrying a flag, driving out steers and for even more excitement-trick riding. Justin not only trick rides at Hedrick rodeos, but you will see him all over the country entertaining rodeo fans. Justin was featured as the Specialty Act of the Year for the SPRA Finals 2013. Justin along with Emily, won the 2016 & 2017 award for Contract Act of the Year.

#### **EMILY HEDRICK**

Emily is 20 years old and has been riding horses since she was a baby, so it is no surprise to see her trick riding, barrel racing, roping or carrying a flag. Emily was also named Specialty Act of the year 2013 & 2015 for the SPRA Finals. Emily is a former Georgia High School Rodeo Queen; she represented the state in Gillette, Wyoming and placed 13th in the nation.

#### HEDRICK LIVESTOCK

Hedrick Rodeo Company is very proud of their livestock. They strive to provide the best stock for the contestants so you will see world-class riders competing against world-class livestock. Over the past 17 years Hedrick Rodeo has been proud to have their broncs and bulls selected to go to numerous finals including the International Finals Rodeo in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Southern Professional Finals Rodeo in Philadelphia, Mississippi, and Southern Finals Rodeo in Asheville, North Carolina, Hedrick Rodeo Company has been honored with bucking horse of the year by the SPRA, NCA and UPRA including Bucking Horse of the Finals. At the 2017 SPRA, Hedrick Rodeo received; High Mark Bronc of Round, Bareback Horse of Round, and Bareback Horse of Finals. They have future champions in the making with their born to buck breeding program. Number 700 Curious George won Bareback Horse of the Year in Southeastern Pro Rodeo Association







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## **RODEO CONTESTS**

#### **BAREBACK BRONC**

This event is judged according to the performances of both the rider and the bucking horse. It is a singlehandhold, eight-second ride. It starts with the cowboy's feet held in a position over the break of the horse's shoulders. It is held until the horse's front feet touch the ground on the first jump out of the chute. The rider earns points maintaining upper body control while moving his feet in a toes-turned-out rhythmic motion in time with the horse's bucking action.

#### SADDLE BRONC

Known as rodeo's classic event, saddle bronc riding is judged similarly to bareback bronc riding but there are additional possibilities to being disqualified; that is, losing a stirrup or dropping the thickly braided rein that is attached to the horse's halter. The cowboy sits on the horse differently due to the saddle and rein, and the spurring motion covers a different area of the horse. Saddle broncs are usually several hundred pounds heavier than bareback horses and generally buck in a slower manner.



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#### **STEER WRESTLING**

This event was originally called "bull dogging" and requires the cowboy to lean from the running horse onto the back of a 600 pound steer, catch it behind the horns, stop the steer's forward momentum and wrestle it to the ground with all four of its legs and head pointing the same direction. The bulldogger is assisted by the hazer, who rides along the steer's right to keep the animal running straight.

#### **TEAM ROPING**

Team roping is the only rodeo event that features two contestants. The team is made up of a header and a heeler. The header ropes the horns, then dallies or wraps his rope around his saddle horn and turns the steer to the left for the other cowboy who ropes the heels. The heeler must throw a loop with precision timing to catch both of the steer's hind legs. The time clock stops once both ropers have made a catch and brought the animals to a stop, facing each other.

#### **CALF ROPING**

Calf roping is an authentic ranch skill that originated from working cowboys. Once the calf has been roped, the cowboy dismounts and runs down the length of the rope to the calf. When the calf is on the ground, the cowboy ties three legs together with a six-foot pigging string. Calves are given a head start, and if the cowboy's horse leaves the box too soon, a barrier breaks and a 10-second penalty is added to the roper's time. In all of the timed events, a fraction of a second makes the difference between winning and losing.



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#### **BARREL RACING**

This event is a horse race with turns. The time begins as they ride their horse across the starting line in the arena. They make a run around three upright barrels, which are in a cloverleaf pattern, and back to the starting line where the clock stops. Tipping a barrel is permitted, but if it is knocked to the ground, a fivesecond penalty is added to their time.

#### **BULL RIDING**

Bull riders, who might not weigh more than 150 pounds, place a flat braided rope around a bull that weighs almost 2000 pounds. The bull rope is placed around the animal, just behind its shoulders. It is then looped and threaded through itself and the cowboy wraps it around his riding hand with only his grip holding him in place. The rider relies on balance and leg strength to make the eightsecond buzzer. Look for bull riders to sit up close to their bull ropes and to turn their toes out because rides are judged on the riding style of the competitor and the bucking ability of the bull.



#### JESSIE LYNN NICHOLS MISS RODEO USA 2022

Jessie Lynn Nichols, "America's Singing Cowgirl", was bestowed the prestigious honor of being crowned the 57th Miss Rodeo USA at the International Finals Rodeo in Guthrie, OK on January 16, 2022. This week long competition was sanctioned by the International Professional Rodeo Association (IPRA) and the Miss Rodeo USA Association. With this honor, Jessie Lynn becomes the eleventh Alabamian to hold this prestigious title and makes her mark in history by becoming the 6th Limestone Sheriff's Rodeo Queen to hold the Miss Rodeo USA title.

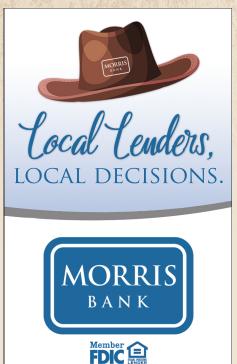
Jessie Lynn Nichols is the daughter of Bryan and Sherri Nichols (both native Oklahomans) and proudly resides in "The Fountain City" - Prattville, Alabama. She is a graduate of Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Communications and a Master of Science in Agri-Science Education. Miss Nichols has also been accepted into Auburn University's College of Education Career and Technical Education Ph.D. program.

This genuine "cowgirl at heart" started her rodeo career at the age of 3 and has numerous national, regional, and state titles, as well as numerous world qualifications to her name. During her formative years, Jessie Lynn was heavily involved in her local 4-H Equine Program and spent over 2,500 hours giving back to her community. She also credits the sport of rodeo for her un-rivaled work ethic, drive, determination, and love of country music where she is a current member of the ACM, CMA, and Recording Academy, as well as a multi-award winning Country Music Entertainer, Songwriter, and Producer.

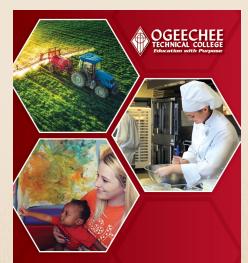
Having developed a love for horses and the art of teaching, Jessie Lynn established her first company (Alabama Extreme Equine Productions) at the age of fifteen. She continues to focus her teaching and horse training skills to assist aspiring equestrians to meet and exceed their goals. During her reign as Miss Rodeo USA, Jessie Lynn will be paying homage to her Cherokee Heritage by encouraging others to get out there and "Be a Dreamcatcher," so they can live life to the fullest and reach their goals.











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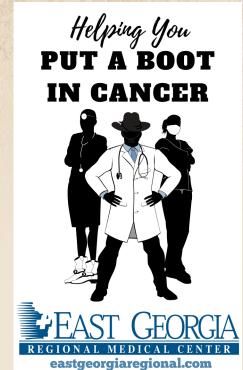
TJ Williams started his rodeo career as a bull rider. After competing in the bull riding and saddle bronc riding, he turned his focus to bullfighting. Eventually becoming a barrelman. "When I started fighting bulls in the early 80's, you had to do one act or filler to get hired," he recalls. He soon learned that at times comedy can be tougher than avoiding a bull. TJ did find that a good comedy act when it works, is as exhilirating as making a move and getting away from a rank bull. "It's all adrenaline!"

Being involved in rodeo for over forty years has brought opportunities outside of the arena. He worked a bull during the filming of "The River" with Sissy Spacek and Mel Gisbon. He was feautred in Yom Mirand's Outdoor Adventure Magazine on ESPN and a segment on Prime Time Country as well.

An accomplished horseman, TJ has owned and bred winning race Quarter Horses. One of his horses won over \$100,000 and he has owned winners at every Louisiana track including the historic Fairgrounds in New Orleans. "I have had the opportunity to do a lot of different and fun things but rodeo and horses are my life," says TJ.







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#### BLUE JEANES ANNOUNCER

Blue Jeanes is a Texas native born in Bryan, Tx, raised in Dayton, Tx, on his family ranch. The Jeanes' family raised brahman cattle, some of the very best in Texas. This is where his love for cattle and his instincts of how to handle them began. Blue moved from working cows in the pens on the ranch to fighting bulls professionally for 25 years. He went from high school rodeo to the amature ranks and then onto his professional career. He has worked rodeos all over the United States in places such as Arcadia, Fl , Lehi , Ut, Gerry, NY, and many many places in between. He retired from fighting bulls in August of 2020 and has been announcing rodeos, bullridings and bullfights, ever since. Blue is a second generation rodeo announcer, his dad was also a professional rodeo announcer who unfortunately passed away in 2005.

Blue is the PRCA bullfighter/barrel man representative, chosen by his peers for the second consecutive term. He also is on the National Circuit Finals board of directors which helps choose contract personnel for that event. Blue was second place in the IFR contract act showcase in Guthrie, Ok and announced the UBF finals in Florida in 2020 and the UBF finals in Ft Worth in 2021. He announces rodeos in IPRA, PRCA, UPRA, CPRA, ARA as well as The Cajun Rodeo ASSN, he is also the announcer for the Region 5 High School Rodeo Assn. and the Region 5 Jr High Rodeo Assn.

Blue started his announcing career as he was making his transition from bullfighter to announcer in 2018. His goal is to bring his love for the rodeo game to the contestants and fans through the microphone.

Blue has worked for Jerry Nelson, owner of Frontier Rodeo Co. who is the main stock contractor for The American and is also the 6 time and reigning PRCA Contractor of The Year.





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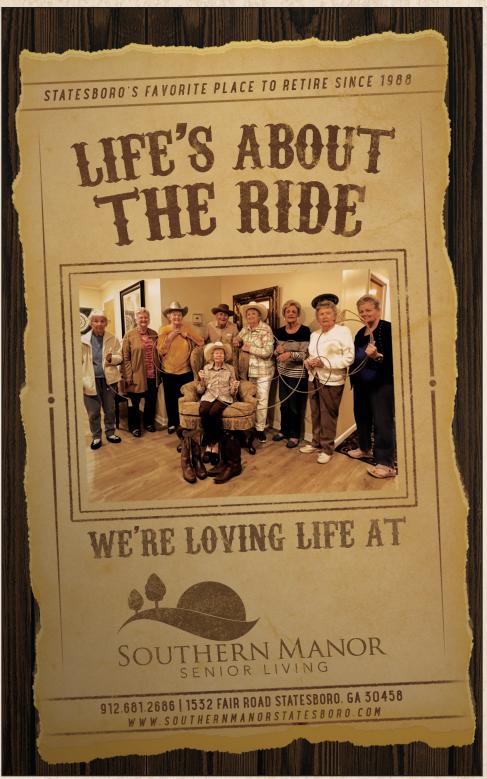
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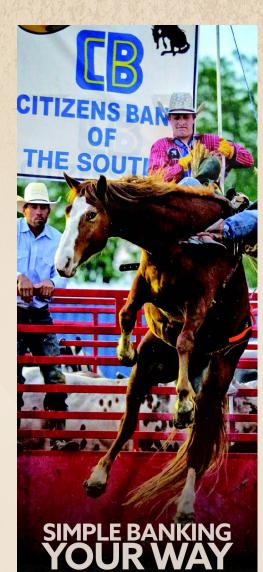


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