



TVE WEEK SPECIAL!

ALL WEEK Monday-Friday!

10/19/26 to 10/23/26

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TVE Rodeo Memories

by Frank Jordan

The Trinity Valley Exposition Rodeo was the event of the year for this young boy. The event began with the grand entry in which cowboys and cowgirls rapidly circled and figure-eighted the arena, highlighted by the patriotic talk of the rodeo announcer accompanied by the standing crowd with hats off and hands on hearts singing the "Star Spangled Banner." My aunt had Box 77 near where the bull riders, with snorting mammoths underneath, entered the arena.

A vivid memory, in addition to flying clouds of unknown composition that often flew at us at the speed of light, was the bull that decided to exit the arena through our box by jumping the protective wire. I had often wondered how 10 ounces of chicken wire was going to stop a 2,000-pound bull and we discovered the obvious – it won't!

The bull actually seemed more surprised than the six people staring in horror directly at his slimy saliva as he (definitely a he!) hung on the fence, while the clown did his magic and, with his shouting and cajoling, redirected the freight train with a hump to return to the main arena. I was fearless hiding under the chair in the crowded space with a shirt, jeans and boots all exhibiting real BS. When the screaming stops and your breath returns, the true thrill of a life-long TVE memory becomes embossed to be enjoyed for life!

The TVE was a major part of my early and later life as I have served as a TVE director twice and am very proud to have been a TVE board member when the current modern arena was constructed. During those times I served with such long-time TVE supporters as Johnny Remkes where we collected the TVE rentals from the carnival folks after midnight each day and from whom I learned to call Quarter Horse contests.

Sheriff Buck Eckols showing me his National Champion Cowboy belt buckles is a wonderful lasting memory. And then there was Hoot Gressett who provided me a horse for the TVE director arena-entry without telling me the horse, which was huge, would not stop unless he heard a special whistle from Hoot. As I streaked past the other directors mounted on their stationary steeds, I heard the loud laughter and knew I was had.

The humongous horse finally halted after Hoot sounded the stop signal as I approached the far end of the arena. I finally arrived back at the horizontal line of dignitaries who were stunned when the huge steed reared up and pawed the air, presenting a picture for which the Lone Ranger and Silver would have been jealous! I tipped my hat majestically to all, relishing the huge crowd applause, with me alone knowing my blue jeans needed changing a-s-a-p

because I came breathtakingly close to falling off the horse.

In another memorable moment, I entered the “Buddy-Pick-Up” – a timed contest where a friend on horseback has a buddy on a barrel attempt to jump on the back of the horse as it comes around the barrel and return to the other end of the arena for exit. Barrel-man was my part.

If you have never tried to hop up on a huge barrel when you have very short legs, then you don't begin to know the embarrassment of having an arena full of people laughing while you try to climb the barrel by leaning over it and then raising one leg at a time to stand – especially if it takes four attempts!

Then my buddy brought the horse around the wrong way and as I leaped aboard in a sad Spider-Man imitation, I was more an ornament hanging on the back of the horse than a rider; entering the exit gate at a 90 degree angle instead of upright! Frankly speaking, my family insisted my rodeo career end to prevent their being humiliated further by my prowess in horsemanship, but shock reined when we won the event!

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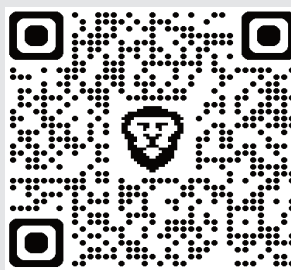
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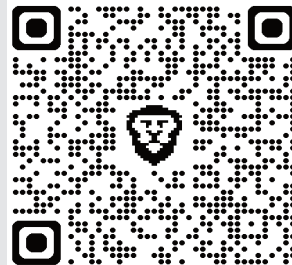


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Mon., Oct. 19, and
continues through
Fri., Oct. 30.
Election Day is
Tues., Nov. 3.**



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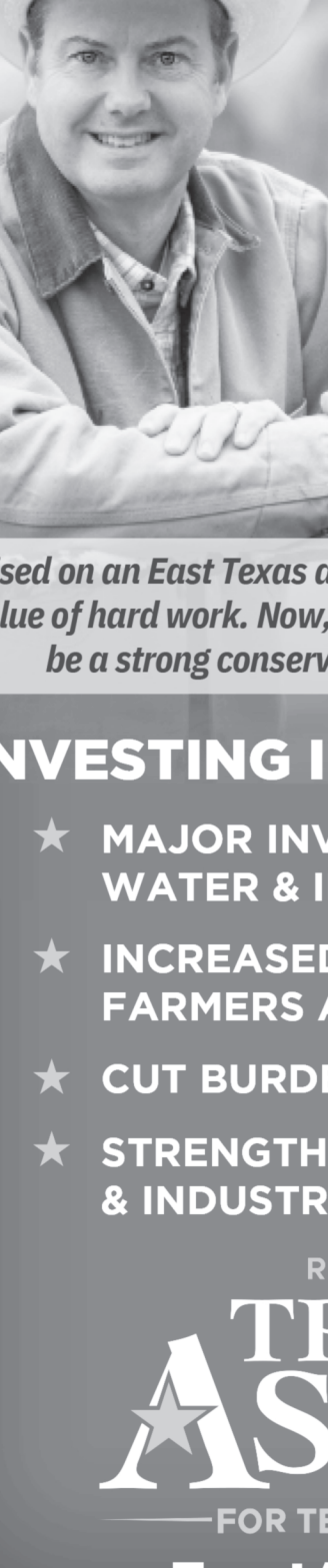
SHC Book Club meets next Tuesday

LIBERTY - The SHC Quarterly Book Club will meet Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center (SHC) to discuss Matt Haig's "The Midnight Library." This popular book club novel centers around an unusual library filled with books of alternate lives one might lead. Join us for this fun, free and informal gathering of readers from 6-7 p.m. No membership or registration is required.

Featuring fictional works with a connection to the world of museums, archives and libraries, the SHC book

club is open to all and meets in the Center's main building at 650 FM 1011 in Liberty. Home to extensive archival holdings documenting Southeast Texas, a library collection and a museum, the Center offers an ideal setting for discussions about novels tied to these fields. Each meeting will be led by SHC staff.

Interested participants may obtain a copy of the novels through their local library or favorite bookstore to prepare for the conversation. For more information, contact SHC staff at (936) 336-8821 or via email at SamHoustonCenter@tsl.texas.gov.



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