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Greggton Rotary Club Welcomes The 21st ANNUAL LONGVIEW PRCA RODEO

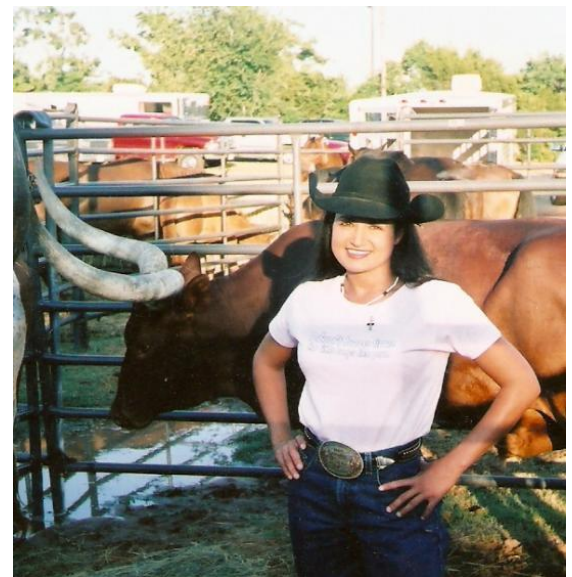
Longview, Texas - Professional rodeo is coming to Longview! The 21st Annual Longview PRCA Rodeo will be held **April 15th & 16th 8:00 pm** at the Longview Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena and will feature top professional rodeo cowboys and cowgirls from all over the country including Canada. The sanctioned rodeo brings the wildest, most exciting cowboy fun and non-stop action packed rodeo competition. The event will provide rodeo fans with an opportunity to see some of the sport's very best athlete's attempt to rope ride and wrestle some of the rodeo's rankest livestock.



Sammy Andrews, Stock Contractor of the Year, brings the professional rodeo to Longview featuring steer wrestling, bareback riding, tie-down roping, team roping, saddle bronc riding, barrel racing and bull riding. Kid's Stick Horse Race and Mutton' Bustin' will add to a fun filled evening for the children. Children 10 and under who wish to participate in the stick horse race can register at the gate both nights. The children will receive their stick horses and back numbers at the time of registration.

Children 5 to 7 years and weigh under 55 pounds can register for the Eastman Mutton Bustin' at Cavender's Boot City, 1306 W. Loop 281 in Longview. Eight contestants will be drawn to compete each night. Two alternates will be chosen each night. The drawing will take place at Cavender's Boot City. Registration is also available on the website.

This year The Greggton Rotary Club is proud to welcome Amanda Payne. Amanda Payne is the daughter of John Payne, The One Armed Bandit. Amanda J Payne, of Cherokee decent, saw first light on a reservation in Pawnee, Oklahoma on May 2, 1978. Mandy started riding horses as an infant where she learned to keep up or get left behind. At age 18, as the only girl to follow in the Bandit's footsteps, Amanda struck out on her own. Now, she showcases her brand of fancy riding and trick roping.



Longview Greggton Rotary Club is once again presenting the Rodeo and proceeds will benefit Windridge Therapeutic Equestrian Center, SeeSaw Children's Place, East Texas Literacy Council, 4-H Club, Crisman Preparatory School, Parenting Resource Center and many others. Major corporate sponsors include the Friday Night Host, Texas Oncology. Friday night is "Tough Enough to Wear Pink Night" in support of Breast Cancer Awareness. The Saturday Night Host is Longview Regional Medical Center. Other businesses that help the rodeo include Miller Lite, Cavenders Boot City, Your Local Dodge Dealers, Dr. Pepper/Made Rite, KYKX 105.7, The Ranch 104.1, CBS 19, Cox Media, KLTV TV, the Longview News Journal, Eastman Chemical Company and Springhill State Bank.

Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the gate. Reserved adult tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the gate. Tickets for children under 12 are \$4 for general admission or free with 3 cans of food to be donated to the Hwy 80 Rescue Mission. Advanced tickets are available at Cavender's Boot City, Jake's Feed, Baskin's Department Store on Gilmer Road and all ABC Auto Part Stores. Gates open at 6:00 P.M. - rodeo action will begin at 8:00 P.M.

For more information go to www.LongviewRodeo.com