

SENECA SCHOOL RODEO



Calli Miller runs the pole-bending course in 15.5 seconds to win a blue ribbon. Rodeo clown Krista Qual rescued fallen hats and entertained the crowd.

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Giddy Up, Stick

The road apples were missing, but the Seneca School PTA Stick Horse Rodeo had everything else to offer a rambunctious crowd of cowpokes and spectators. Kris and Darla Long served up homemade chili and cornbread while young cowboys and cowgirls warmed up their horses in the arena. Jack Southworth, announcer, kicked off the rodeo with the Grand Entry, led by Queen Keila Qual, Princess Meghan Rider, and Princess Dallas Olson. Cowpokes in four different age groups competed in pole bending, barrel racing, and bronc riding.

A highlight of the afternoon was an exhibition bull ride by cowboy Josh Whitman, who rode his bucking, spinning bull the full eight seconds.

Throughout the afternoon, thirsts were quenched in the Root Beer Garden run by Vikki Rider and Margaret Harvey, who reported that nobody was thrown out due to disorderly behavior. The Calcutta barrel race was an exciting end to the afternoon.

Homemade and donated (Bar W B) high-point prizes were awarded to the top cowpokes in each age group: James Mabe (preschool-kindergarten), Preslie Thompson (grades 1-3), Josh Whitman (grades 4-6), and Kaidee Weaver (adult).

LEFT: Keila Qual, the queen of the Seneca Stick Rodeo, and her princesses Dallas Olson and Meghan Rider lead the crowd in the flag salute before the start of competition.

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