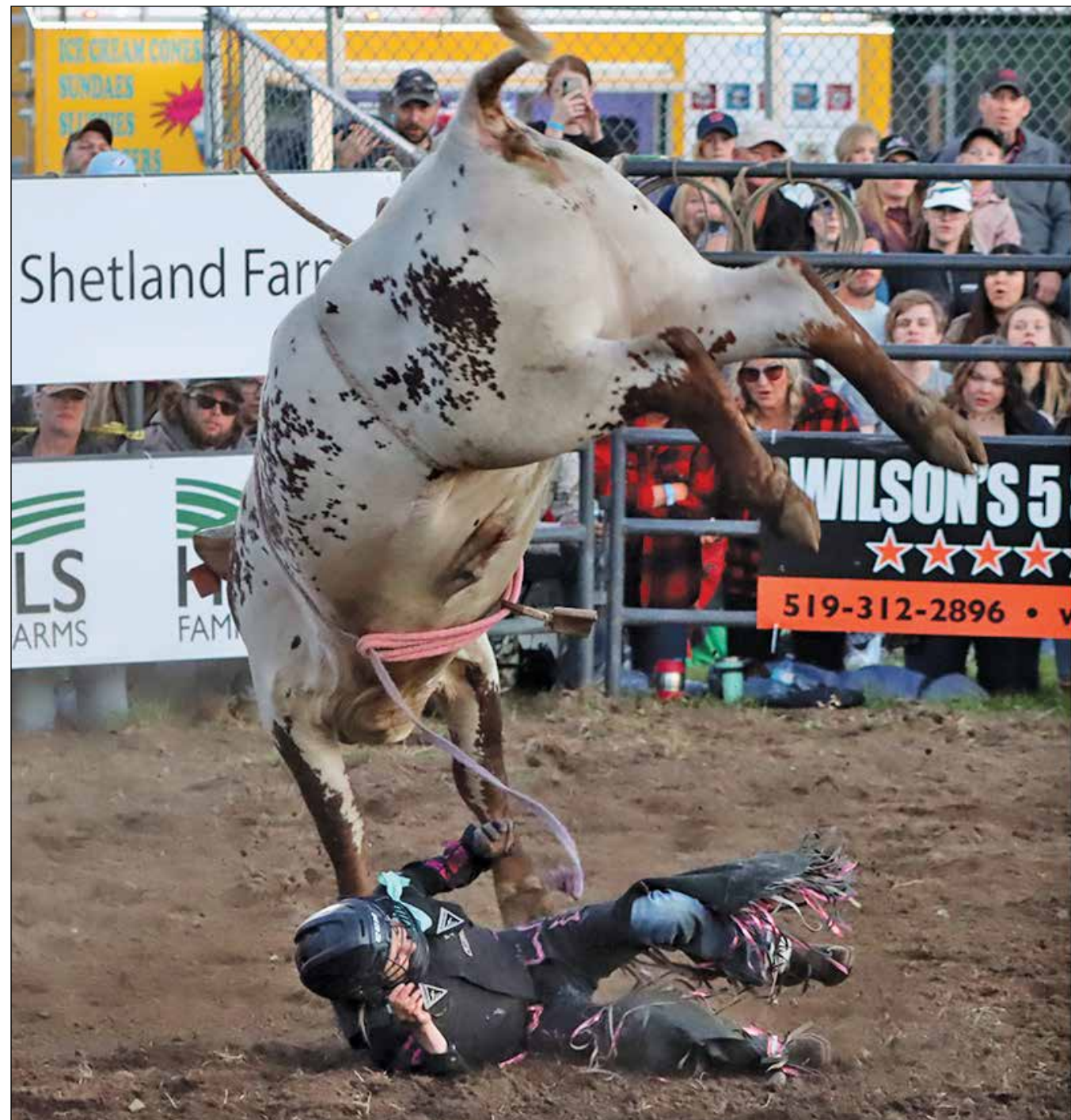


# Rodeo: Risk and Reward

## Alvinston's Pro Rodeo provides chills, spills and thrills



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The Brooke-Alvinston Fairgrounds were packed as the Alvinston Pro Rodeo came to town for Father's Day weekend. Professional riders and ropers from Raw-Hide Rodeo thrilled packed crowds Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Bullriding is always a favourite. At the left, the only cowgirl riding the bulls Saturday came dangerously close to getting a hoof in the head. Middle left, another cowboy lays in the ring, winded, as the bucking bronco kicks very close beside him. Right, Blake Sanders rides in his first rodeo at the Alvinston event. There were a number of young competitors - many from Lambton - who made an appearance in the ring. Austin Stewart, an acclaimed rodeo clown, was swinging a very big - about 40 feet long - rope to entertain the crowd. He also showed off his bullwhipping skills, snapping some insulation held by a volunteer from the beer garden. The head of the Alvinston Pro Rodeo Committee says the work could not have been done without dedicated volunteers. And Dan Cumming says the rodeo will be back in 2023.

