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## Bill Pickett

Willie M. "Bill" Pickett - cowboy, rodeo performer and actor was born five years after the end of the Civil War. He left school in the 5th grade to become a ranch hand and soon began to ride horses and handle cattle. He invented the technique of bulldogging; the skill of grabbing cattle by the horns and wrestling them to the ground. He'd ride hard, spring from his horse, and wrestle the steer to the ground. Pickett soon became known for his ranch hand tricks and stunts at local country fairs. His name soon became synonymous with successful rodeos as he traveled about in Texas, Arizona, Wyoming, and Oklahoma but was often forced to claim he was a Comanche Indian in order to perform.

In 1932, having retired from Wild West shows, Pickett died as a result of an injury. Posthumously, he was inducted into the Rodeo Hall of Fame of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. In 1989, he was inducted into the Pro-Rodeo Hall of Fame. Organized in 1989, the Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo (BPIR) tours the U.S. to highlight the stories and active sub-culture of African American cowboys and their contributions to building the West. In June, the 2021 BPIR Showdown in Vegas was held in Las Vegas, Nevada and broadcast via CBS Sports. The remainder of the 2021 tour schedule is currently on pause due to the most recent COVID-19 surge. BPIR visited Seattle in 2016.

### Sources:

[BillPickettRodeo.com](http://BillPickettRodeo.com); [Blackpast.org](http://Blackpast.org); [Wikipedia.org](http://Wikipedia.org);

## Washington State Dementia Action Collaborative

African Americans are about 2 times more likely to have Alzheimer's disease than the non-Hispanic white population. Find out more about Alzheimer's health disparities, resources available to help loved ones and caregivers or if you are a community-based organization, how you can help! Click the photo below.



## Pierce County Business Accelerator Application for Entrepreneurial Assistance

Don't miss this opportunity! The application deadline for the first cohort of Pierce County's Business Accelerator program is

**Friday, September 17.**

Resources such as relevant training, coaching, technical assistance, and networking support to launch and grow micro businesses in Pierce County are offered to assist small, underserved entrepreneurs. Upon completion, participants will receive access to potential funding options, matching grant resources up to \$10,000, a commercial rent stipend for one year up to \$500/mo., and coaching/mentorship for one year. Businesses must be located in Pierce County.

Applications submitted after September 10 will be considered for a later cohort.

[Pierce County Business Accelerator Application](#)

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Need help? Contact The Tacoma Urban League via Maamideede Hudson at (253) 383-2006 or [maamideede@thetacomaurbanleague.org](mailto:maamideede@thetacomaurbanleague.org)



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First review of applicants begins September 22, 2021

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