

2009 FAIR MANAGER'S MESSAGE

YEE-HAW! WELCOME EVERYBODY! Welcome to the 85th Harney County Fair, Rodeo, and Racemeet on the dates of September 8 -13, 2009, right here in Burns, Oregon. This event will be another year of memory making, one that you will be sure and remember for a lifetime!

The Theme for this year is “Country Fun For Everyone”. This theme is very appropriate for Harney County, because we know how to have fun safely, and should make it easy for everyone to use in all of their decorating endeavors!

All of your favorite events will again be showcased around the Fairgrounds. Those events will be; 4H Livestock Shows, FFA Livestock Shows, 4H Exhibits, FFA Exhibits, Open Class Exhibits, Paradise Amusements Carnival, a Parade, 3 days of Rodeo, Stockhorse Futurity, Calf Branding Competition, Kids Playday, 3 days of Horse Racing, 5 days of Entertainment, Vendors, Booths, and much, much more!

Get ready for 3 days of Horse Racing! Yes, that is right! We will have four horse races on Friday starting at 5:00 PM. This will coincide with the Big Loop Horse Roping and be just before the Friday night Ranch Rodeo. This will be a big evening at the Fairgrounds! On Saturday and Sunday beginning at noon each day will be more horse racing with a total of 22 horse races for the weekend. Yes there will be pari-mutual wagering all three days during the horse racing!

Back by popular demand on the US Bank Stage this year will be “Adam the Great” for his second appearance in a row here at the Harney County Fair, Rodeo, and Racemeet. Adam will bedazzle you with his own brand of magic tricks. Joining Adam for their first appearances here in Burns will be the “Hot Shot Tap Dancers” who will impress you with their energy and talent, keyboard player “Brady Goss”, a young talent that will energize everyone, country singer “Marty Davis”, who has traveled all over the country entertaining people, and the comic hypnotist “Tyzen”, who will put you in a relaxed state of mind for all others to enjoy your antics. The local Hi-Desert Fiddlers and other local talent will also appear on the US Bank Stage.

Please do not forget the 12th Annual Talent Show that will take place on the evening of September 10. This event will showcase all of our

County's talent with a \$400 for 1st place, \$240 for 2nd place, and \$160 for 3rd place. This event has been a big hit with the fans filling up the US Bank Stage entertainment area! The winners of our Talent Show for 2008, Michelle Yunkers and Alyssa Burri, will have already participated in the State Fair Talent Show before the Harney County Fair, and will sing for you during the Talent Show.

Do you like to Rodeo? Once again B Bar D Rodeo Stock will be back for a slack performance at 9:00 AM Saturday, September 12, and two NPRA/ICA rodeo performances at 1:00 PM each day Saturday and Sunday, September 12 & 13. This year the Burns Rodeo will kick start the 2010 NPRA season for cowboys and cowgirls to get a good start on the new season. The NPRA Finals for 2009 will be held during the State Fair in Salem on September 2-3-4, 2009.

Exhibits, exhibits, and more exhibits will be showcased in the Memorial Building, Exhibit Building, and the 4H Building. This is your chance to win premium money for entering the prize flower, the best cucumber, the tastiest cake, or a prize quilt, among many hundreds of other exhibits for you to show off your talents. Right here is where a Fair began, with people coming together for the fall feast, showing off their wares, celebrating the harvest, to socialize, to see old friends, and to compete against one another. I will bet that all other Fair events started as people talked right there with one another.

In the Livestock Barn area you can watch all of the animals being shown and judged. Don't forget to go to the Buyers BBQ and the Livestock Auction on Saturday evening, September 12.

Paradise Amusements will open the Carnival on Thursday afternoon at 3:00 PM, and be open everyday through Sunday. Be sure to get your "POP" pay one price coupon at the presale outlets for \$17 versus \$27 for on site sales. Daily and season passes for Fair admission can also be purchased at the presale outlets. Thanks a lot to Figaro's Pizza, NAPA, Broadway Deli, Ag & Auto, and Tumbleweed Floral for helping us out with all of the presales.

So, mark your calendars now for September 8-13, 2009. Please make plans to visit the hi-desert country if you already do not live here. You will have more fun than you can imagine!!

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