

HOWDY EVERYBODY!!

*The **73rd Harney County Fair, Rodeo, and Racemeet** will be held this year on the dates of **September 2-7, 1997**, and I would like to offer to you and your family a special invitation to be a part of this big annual event.*

***"Fair Time"** has been held 72 times, dating back to the very first one held in 1921, and has been held every year since, except for 1942-1945 during World War II. Imagine what the very first Harney County Fair was like. The people came from all parts of the County riding their horses, or driving the family to town in a buck board or a wagon pulled by a team of horses. They came together to celebrate the year's harvest, to socialize with friends and neighbors, to participate in organized events, and to have a good time!! The very first sanctioned horse racemeet in Oregon was held right here in Burns, Oregon, as well as one of the first rodeo's. Fair Time was the highlight of the year for the folks of Harney County in 1921 just as it is today!!*

The Fair Director's of 1921, and all of the years following up to 1997, along with all of the participants and spectators, gave all of us living in Harney County today, the rich western heritage that has become the 1997 Harney County Fair. As happened in 1921, we still have horse racing, a rodeo, livestock shows, and enter exhibits. Along with those main events, there are many more events for you to watch or participate in.

***"Ride The Wild Wind"** has been chosen as the **1997 Fair Theme**. I think that this theme is very appropriate in remembering the first Harney County Fair, and in thanking the pioneers that started it all. So mount up folks! Gear up! Get ready! Fair Time is not very far away. We need your help in keeping the western way of life alive in Harney County!!!!*

*Don Slone, Manager
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