

2004 MANAGER'S WELCOME MESSAGE

Howdy Friends!! Welcome to the 80th Annual Harney County Fair, Rodeo, & Racemeet!! This year's event will be held on the dates of September 7-12, 2004, right here in Burns, Oregon.

A fantastic event is being planned for all to enjoy. Queen Joni Deller and Princess Elisha White, along with Grand Marshall Mildred Fine will be the official hosts of this year's event. Our official hosts invite everyone to come on out to the Fairgrounds and enjoy themselves.

The US Bank Stage will be full of outstanding entertainment for all ages to enjoy. Kimlai Yingling will be here again to entertain with her country music and bubbly personality..... Washboard Willy is returning to the Harney County Fair after being gone for a couple of years. Everyone loves Willy and his unique act of strolling, playing the washboard and various other musical instruments along with his outstanding vocals. Willie's wife Donis is now a part of the act also.A new hypnotist will be a part of the Fair this year. Barry Jones, a native of New Zealand, will be making his 1st appearance at the Harney County Fair. Barry has an accent that you will love, and his hypnotic show is as good as a comedy show. Make sure you see Barry!..... A comedy magician by the name of Jeff Martin will be here to make your wedding ring disappear, or make a dollar bill walk. Jeff is an outstanding entertainer that I know you will enjoy..... The Hi-Desert Fiddlers will once again showcase their fiddle skills..... Charlie Walker will be back also to entertain you on Saturday afternoon..... Do not forget the Annual Talent Show on Thursday night! Watch for additional talent and schedules at the Fairgrounds.

A bigger and better **Racemeet** is being planned for all of you horse racing fans. Ten races are expected to be run on both Saturday and Sunday beginning at 1:00 PM. All of the races will be video taped this year, and you will be able to watch them on television sets at the Parimutual stand. The Harney County Racemeet is the oldest in Oregon history!!

The **Rodeo Committee** has decided to allow the Team Branding and the Horse Roping events to have the arena area all day on Friday, September 10. Therefore, there will not be a Friday night rodeo. However, rodeo slack competition will begin at 9:00 AM Saturday morning, with actual rodeo performances beginning at 1:00 PM on both Saturday and Sunday, September 11 & 12.

Make sure that you read the Premium Book to get the latest updates on entering **Open Class Exhibits**. The Fair Board invites everyone to showcase all of their handmade articles or the crops and flowers that they have grown. The Premium Book will be inserted into the Burns Times Herald on or about July 25. They will also be available at various places around town.

All kinds of **Youth Activities** will be at the Fair once again. 4H and FFA events will be better than ever. Paradise Amusements will be back with their carnival and all of your favorite rides. Be sure to get your “pay one price” ride coupons at the pre-sale outlets to save \$5.00.

Country Pride.....County Wide, is the Fair Theme chosen for 2004. With 6.5 million acres in Harney County, and a population of 7,200, we are definitely in the country..... And pride, you can see it everywhere in the county on everyone!!..... So, come on out to the Fair, congratulate Mildred and Joni and Elisha.....If you don't come on out, you cannot have any fun with us!!..... See ya there pardner!!

WRITTEN BY DON SLONE, FAIR MANAGER, JUNE 23, 2004