

2005 MANAGER'S WELCOME MESSAGE

“COWBOY BOOTS & COUNTRY ROOTS” is the Fair Theme for the 81st Anniversary of the Harney County Fair, Rodeo, & Racemeet that will be held in Burns, Oregon on the dates of September 6-11, 2005.

A good old country social event is being planned by the Fair Board that will include entertainment, food, and many friends to visit with. Your official hosts will be Queen Amy Deller and Princess Kimi White, along with the 2005 Grand Marshall, Jack Drinkwater.

Events held to start the Fair will be all of your favorite youth activities with 4H and FFA dog shows, horse shows, and livestock shows. Come out to watch the Stockhorse Futurity and the Calf Branding. Food Stands, vendors, and booths will be set up for your enjoyment every day.

Paradise Amusements will be back with all of the high energy and extreme carnival rides and games for those young folks. The management has promised to bring in more rides and game booths than were here in 2004. Please be sure to purchase advance sale pay one price wrist bands for \$14.00, a savings of \$8 over the onsite sale price.

The Rodeo Committee has once again worked hard to bring to you a different type of rodeo experience that will include an expanded Friday night “Ranch Rodeo”. An NPRA/ICA/CCPRA sanctioned Rodeo will once again be held on September 10 & 11 @ 1:00 PM, with timed event slack being held Saturday morning starting at 9:00 AM. The rodeo stock will once again be furnished by B bar D Rodeo Company, the best NPRA rodeo stock in the Northwest. Watch for 2004 NPRA bull fighter of the year Bill Hamilton protecting all of the riders during the bull riding event. A professional sound system and rodeo scoreboard will once again be used for your enjoyment.

Horse Racing fans will once again be treated to twenty quarter horse and thoroughbred horse races on Saturday and Sunday, September 10 & 11 beginning at 1:00 PM. Parimutual wagering for win, place, or show along with quinella, trifecta, and daily doubles can be placed. Great fun!!

The US Bank Stage will be full of entertainment beginning on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 8. The Wednesday high light will be a battle of the high school bands, with the winner getting the honor of playing for a youth dance on Friday night..... Thursday through Sunday will be full stage schedules, with a host of outstanding

performers. Back by popular demand are Kimlai, Washboard Willy, Magician Jeff Martin, and hypnotist Michael Mezmer. **Michael Mezmer** has appeared in Burns twice before in 2002 and 2003. He is a fantastic comedy hypnotist that will astound you and keep you on the edge of your seat..... **Magician Jeff Martin**, a truly outstanding magician will make a return appearance. Make sure you see his shows!!..... **Washboard Willy & Donis** have been here many times in the past. Willy's Washboard Jamboree has always been a fan favorite here in Harney County..... **Kimlai**, your favorite Asian Country Singer, is returning for the 3rd consecutive year. Her personality is amazing, and she is particularly great with the young fans. Mix in the **Hi-Desert Fiddlers**, and we will have a full stage show every day..... Oh yes, do not forget the **8th Annual Talent Show** on Thursday evening at about 6:00 PM.

The **Open Class Exhibits** needs you to enter exhibits for display. Please begin thinking about entering your hand made articles, or your crops you have grown. When Fairs' began, it was to showcase the yearly harvest, and let's not let that tradition die. Enter your canning, baking, flowers, crops, sewing projects, knitting projects, etc. We will all be glad to see your skills and efforts!!

A big thank you to everyone that will be involved at the 2005 Harney County Fair. From the exhibitors, the participants, the contestants, the community service groups, and everyone else, **THANK YOU** for your involvement!!

September 6-11, 2005, will be here before we know it. It has always been the showcase event for Harney County. It brings together the people of Harney County, those who have moved away, relatives that live in other parts, people of all ages, friends and neighbors, to share in activities that are important to our culture, our way of life. Please plan on attending the **81st Harney County Fair**. Queen Amy, Princess Kimi, and Grand Marshall Jack need your support, and will be glad to see you!!

Happy Trails!!

Written by Don Slone, Fair Manager, June 27, 2005