

Rodeo moves to new home for 30th year

The Farm-City Pro Rodeo's original home in the heart of Hermiston may be gone, but the event lives on in a larger arena at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center.

The arena features about 2,500 more seats for spectators.

This year's rodeo, Aug. 9 through 12, will be the 30th for the event started by cowboys for cowboys.

The new rodeo arena is part of the new fairgrounds and event center at 1705 E. Airport Road, just off Highway 395 on the southeastern edge of Hermiston.

Tickets are still available and can be purchased at several locations around the county, by calling the Farm-City Pro Rodeo box office



Staff photo by Gary L. West

The announcers' stand rises over the bucking chutes.

at 541-564-8500 or online at <https://farmcityprorodeo.ticketleap.com>. Other ticket locations include the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, Umatilla County Fair office, NW Farm Supply, Fiesta Foods and at Banner Bank branches in Hermiston, Pendleton, Stanfield, Umatilla and Boardman.

Ticket prices start at \$17

for general admission seating, \$5 for children on Wednesday for Family Night, and \$20 for reserved seating. For the Thursday, Aug. 10, event, \$10 tickets are available for military service members, veterans and their families.

There is also a \$5 fee for parking on the EOTEC grounds, except for, Aug. 9, when parking is free.

Farm-City Pro Rodeo

What: Four days of rodeo action with some of the country's best cowboys and cowgirls.

Where: Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 E Airport Road, Hermiston. If you're heading south on Highway 395 from Hermiston, don't turn down the similarly-named Airport Way, which dead-ends into the Hermiston Municipal Airport. Instead, go past the airport and take a left on East Airport Road next to the Hermiston Veterinary Clinic. If you're heading north from Pendleton, you'll want to turn right on East Airport Road just after you pass the Best Western.

When: Aug. 9-12, 2017. Slack performances for timed events start at 2 p.m. daily and after the rodeo Wednesday through Friday; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday is Bullfighters Only; 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, mutton bustin', after mutton bustin' on Thursday is calf dressing as part of youth and ag night; The main performance starts at 7:45 p.m. each night. Mutton bustin' takes place with the main performance on Saturday night, starting at 7:45.

How to get tickets: You can get tickets online at <https://farmcityprorodeo.ticketleap.com> or call the Farm-City Pro Rodeo box office at 541-564-8500. Other ticket locations are Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, Umatilla County Fair office at EOTEC, NW Farm Supply, Fiesta Foods, and Banner Bank branches in Hermiston, Pendleton, Stanfield, Umatilla and Boardman.

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