FARM-CITY PRO RODEO STARTS AUG. 10 IN HERMISTON

HERMISTON — The 34th annual Farm-City Pro Rodeo happens Aug. 10-13 at the arena, 1705 E. Airport Road. Rodeo action starts at 7:45 p.m. each day.

The rodeo grounds has seating for nearly 8,500 spectators, and entry includes admission to the Umatilla County Fair.

Tickets are \$17 for general seating, \$20 reserved. A child's ticket is \$5 on Wednesday, and tickets for military are \$10 on Thursday.

Tickets are available at www.farm cityprorodeo.com and at the FCPR office, 975 SE Fourth St.

WINE WALK INCLUDES SPECIAL BANNED BOOKS EVENT

BAKER CITY — On the Third Thursday of each month, Baker City Downtown organizes a wine walk with participating businesses that stay open late to welcome shoppers.

The walk starts at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18, at Launch Pad Baker, 2019 Main St. A donation of \$10 gets a commemorative glass and map of participating locations. A portion of this month's proceeds will go to the Baker County Library District to help start a Banned Books Club, in which members would read books that have been banned or challenged and then critically discuss each work.

During the walk, Jeana Phillips, owner of Betty's Books, is organizing "Banned Books & Buns" at Sweet Wife Baking, 2028 Main St. She will be there with a selection of books that have been challenged in the past, accompanied with the reason for the challenge, the location and the date.

Library Director Perry Stokes will also be on hand to talk about the First Amendment and the role of libraries for providing access to information.

UMATILLA COUNTY FAIR CRANKS UP THE MUSIC

HERMISTON — Although the Umatilla County Fair kicked off Wednesday, there's plenty to see, do and hear through



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Bodee Lammers, of Stephenville, Texas, wins the bareback event with a score of 88 points during the 2021 Farm-City Pro Rodeo in Hermiston.



Jeana Phillips/Contributed Photo

An event titled "Banned Books & Buns" is happening during the Third Thursday Wine Walk on Aug. 18 at Sweet Wife Baking in Baker City.

the weekend — including main stage concerts at Eastern Oregon Trade Center, 1705 E. Airport Road. General admission seating is free with fair tickets (\$10).

Home Free, an a cappella country group, will perform Thursday, Aug. 11, and Nashville singer-songwriter Ryan Hurd will take the stage Saturday, Aug. 13, both shows start at 9 p.m. Reserved and premium seats are available online for \$12 and \$20, respectively.

And a Latino Night Dance is Friday, Aug. 12, 8 p.m. The lineup features Puro Domador, Grupo Fatal, Dueto Los Armadillos, Los Faraones Del Norte and Rebeldes De La Sierra. Presale tickets are \$30 (which includes fair admission). They are available online or at Velasco Used Car Sales, 80596 Highway 395, Hermiston.

For concert or fair tickets, visit www. umatillacountyfair.net. For questions, call 541-567-6121.

COWBOY BREAKFAST OFFERS FUEL FOR FAIRGOERS

HERMISTON — Things are sizzling as the Hermiston Rotary Club prepares for its annual cowboy breakfasts at a new venue. A 50-plus year tradition during Umatilla County Fair week, the hearty meals will be served Friday, Aug. 12 and Saturday, Aug. 13, 6:30-10:30 a.m. at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395.

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, hash browns and fresh fruit. There is no charge, however, donations are gladly accepted. Money will help support the Umatilla County Fair Youth Livestock Sale.

ACE WRITING PROJECT IS ALL ABOUT POETRY

LA GRANDE — This month's Writing Project, organized by Art Center East, is inviting poets and poetry lovers to a Calliope Night/Poetry Party at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at HQ, 112 Depot St.

The evening includes games that will inspire poems, followed by an open microphone session where attendees can share their creations.

EOCENES PLAYS IN PENDLETON SEPT. 15 AT ART CENTER

PENDLETON — The bluegrass band EOCenes will again play at Pendleton Center for the Arts during Round-Up festivities.

The concert is Thursday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and expected to sell out quickly. Purchase tickets online at pendletonarts.org/live-music.

