

Heppner Daycare/Preschool to hold benefit dinner



Children at Heppner Daycare and Preschool

There will be a benefit dinner for Heppner Daycare and Preschool Thursday, July 29 at 6 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge. There will also be a special

auction with items such as a fishing trip, country décor items and other items.

The dinner will include BBQ chicken, baked potato, salad, garlic bread and a "scrumptious" dessert.

Heppner Daycare is a non-profit organization. All proceeds from the dinner and auction will go to the Daycare and Preschool.

Preparations begin for 82nd annual Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo

When we think of America, we think of freedom, heritage and a way of life. Heppner: A town with a rich heritage in the "All American Sport" of rodeos is home to the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo. It will be celebrating its 82nd year on Aug. 20-21. Heppner is one of Eastern Oregon's best kept secrets. It is a small town in Eastern Oregon that is quiet and relaxed most of the year. A place with wide open spaces and friendly people. The all American Spirit comes alive in August when big name PRCA cowboys, WPRA cowgirls, double tough rodeo livestock, specialty entertainment and coveted awards come to Heppner. You definitely know professional rodeo is alive and kicking during rodeo weekend.

Every two-and-a-half hour performance of the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo is a multi-faceted entertainment extravaganza, packed full of more wild, unrehearsed action than most folks see in a lifetime. Noted as one of the oldest PRCA Rodeos in Oregon for the past 82 years, the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo features more than 200 PRCA cowboys and cowgirls competing in seven world championship events. These men and women compete for awards such as

the Mike Currin Memorial buckle, added bonus money for fastest time and bounty money is always an attraction for the bull riders. OTRP Features the rough and rugged action of saddle bronc and bareback riding, the skill and precision of calf roping and steer wrestling, the color and speed of cowgirls' barrel racing and the heart stopping danger and thrills of the world's most favorite and dangerous event... bull riding.

The stock is provided by the famous Big Bend Rodeo Company. Their bucking stock is consistently awarded national titles at the NFR every year. Big Bend Rodeo Company will thrill you with bucking stock like saddle bronc horses Crash Landing and Wide Country and bulls like Spotted Jacket. The owner, Donny Hutsell, has received many national titles with his stock such as the famous Skoal's Spring Fling, Unforgiven and Copenhagen Two Spot. Hutsell promises a preview of these great animals. They will be at the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo to meet the talent of world famous contestants. You are down close and personal to preview the best stock and riders in the world.

Each wild and western performance at the

Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo begins with Muttin Bustin' 30 minutes prior to each grand entry. The rodeo officially starts with the grand entry of the Rodeo Bandits and Rodeo court members. The chutes open for the first performance at 7 p.m. on Friday, August 20.

Don't miss out on the popular "Call Your Dog Contest" during the Friday night performance.

Saturday starts with the fair and rodeo parade followed by the main show on Saturday, Aug. 21. This will begin with grand entry at 1:15 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 22, will bring local rodeo entertainment with the Morrow County Jack-Pot Rodeo.

Other features include live music following the PRCA shows and a good time is assured in the "Spur Em" barn. Live entertainment, daytime family fun and fair activities will run during the days and into the evening.

The cowboy was, and still is the original American professional athlete and some of the PRCA's best will be in action at the Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo in Heppner. Be apart of the weekend. Tickets may be purchased at the gate or VIP seating can be purchased by calling Mindy at (541) 676-5818.

Friends of the Library solicit book donations

The Friends of the Library will be holding a book and bake sale on July 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., during the Celebrate Heppner festivities, in front of the Heppner Library.

"This year the book donations have been wonderfully overwhelming. We have double the number of books that we had last year and a wider variety which includes how-to books, medical books, biographies, travel and books about many different countries as well as a huge selection of mysteries and romances," said a FOTL spokesperson.

The book sale money is used for library needs that do not have budgeted funds. As a current example of previous books sale fund use, the Friends of the Library commissioned Bob DeSpain to build a new sign, which includes the fact that the library is now a branch of the Oregon Trail Library system. The new sign was installed in a concrete pad early in June.

If you would like to become a member of the Friends of the Library group, you may do so by getting an application from Barb Orwick or Margaret Flaherty at the library, filling it out and returning it to them.

"We can always use new members with new ideas, so join us in supporting the library," said a FOTL spokesperson.

3 one 3 basketball tournament

On Saturday, Aug. 7, a three one three basketball tournament will be held at the lower elementary school basketball court from 2-6 p.m.

There will be four different categories: junior high girls, junior high boys, high school girls and high school boys. There is no entry fee and prizes will be awarded to the winning teams of each category.

Students wishing to participate need to show up the court at 2 p.m.

The tournament is sponsored by Christian Life Center. For more information, call 676-5581.

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for the
Heppner DayCare, Inc.
Thursday, July 29 at 6 p.m.
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