

Jackpot Rodeo offers community event for local talent

The Morrow County Rodeo Committee continues to offer a one-of-a-kind community rodeo for its youth and alumni graduates in the form of the Morrow County Jackpot Rodeo.

The original MOCO Rodeo was held on Friday night but, due to the abundance of local rodeo talent, the show was moved to Sunday to offer a full day of rodeo after the OTPR has ended. This is a very special one-of-a-kind rodeo, where the same committee members who have worked tirelessly all week come back out on Sunday just for Morrow County kids and past alumni.

Morrow County cowboys

and cowgirls are well known in the rodeo arena at all junior and high school rodeos, as well as college, amateur and professional rodeo circuit trails. These competitors have traveled to many corners of the United States and continue to be true ambassadors of Morrow County.

"As they chase their dreams, we salute their accomplishments," states a committee member.

The MOCO Rodeo also serves as a great little rodeo alumni reunion.

The sponsorship from local businesses, private individuals and ranchers is

greatly appreciated, giving all participants a chance to win numerous event buckles, a saddle, and a day to remember for their lifetime. It's not geared just for the kids or adults that travel competitively in rodeo all summer, but to anyone in the county that wants to try to ride a sheep, compete in the stickhorse race, barrel race, rope, or ride.

The Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo Committee has opened up Morrow County Rodeo entries to include Morrow County Alumni and their immediate families. They have also changed Morrow County Residency from 1 year to 6 months. Amateur Calf Roping is still only for Morrow County Residents or Alumni. You don't need to be a Morrow County Resident to enter Mutton Bustin'.

The rodeo office is open Thursday, Aug. 14-17. For questions, contact an OTPR committee member, call 541-676-9451 or email mocorodeo@hotmail.com; also, check out the rodeo on Facebook.



MOCO Rodeo calf roping contestant

4-H program relies on volunteers

The 4-H program relies on volunteer adult leaders to organize and lead groups of 4-H members. There are currently 58 trained and active 4-H Leaders in Morrow County. Research shows that youth who have a non-parental adult as a friend, teacher, and mentor do better than youth without such an adult presence. As a 4-H leader and educator, you are in a position of great influence. You can channel members' curiosity, inspire new interests, and continually offer new opportunities for them to grow and develop into happy and productive adults. You can be the key to a young person's success.

A recent study showed that most 4-H leaders volunteer because they are interested in making a difference in the lives of young people. While some

4-H leaders have expertise in a particular content area, such as animal science, it is not a requirement. The 4-H program is always looking for quality, committed adult volunteers. If you are interested in becoming a 4-H volunteer, please visit or call the Morrow County Extension Service office at: 541-676-9642

Studies show that each 4-H volunteer gives an average of 200 hours of time annually to the 4-H Youth Development program. Looking at Oregon's 6,000 volunteers, that means 1,200,000 hours are given annually to help youth develop skills for a lifetime. Nationally, the current estimated dollar value of volunteer time is about \$20 per hour. Not only are 4-H volunteer leaders awesome, but the value of their time to Oregon 4-H is more than \$20 million annually.



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