

## FARM-CITY PRO RODEO



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David Bothum, director and co-founder of the Farm-City Pro Rodeo, directs traffic during some construction work in preparation for this year's rodeo.

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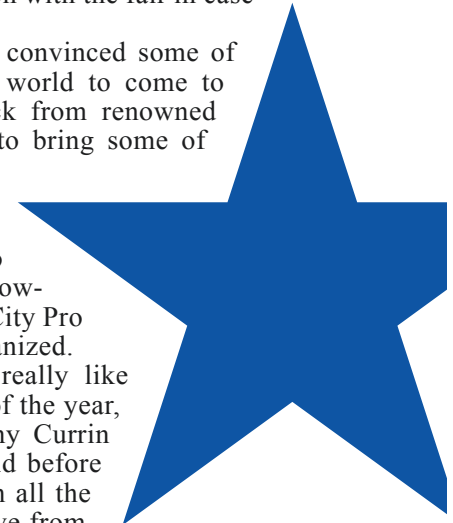
bring a pro rodeo to Hermiston. Local native Bothum, who rode 100 rodeos a year in his prime, got together with his wife, Cyd, Butch Knowles, his wife, Mary, to try to bring a pro rodeo to Hermiston. In 1987, Knowles won the average at the NFR, and a party was held in Hermiston for him. At that time, the Umatilla County Fair had a rodeo, but it was a junior rodeo.

So Knowles and Bothum pitched a pro rodeo to Janet Aiken, the fair manager, and a preliminary plan was hatched. At a fair board meeting, there was some resistance and the fair allowed a pro rodeo to occur at the fair grounds during the fair, but it would have no affiliation with the fair in case it was a dud.

Bothum and Knowles convinced some of the top cowboys in the world to come to Hermiston, and got stock from renowned contractor Frank Beard to bring some of the best broncs, bulls and calves to be used.

They raised \$1,000 from the community to attract some of the best cowboys, and the first Farm-City Pro Rodeo was officially organized.

"I think people will really like it," 1987 PRCA Rookie of the year, and Heppner native, Tony Currin told the Hermiston Herald before that first go-round. "With all the good cowboys they'll have from



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