

Morrow County Fair cooks up 'bushels of fun'

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While 4-H and FFA youths take center stage during the Morrow County Fair — much more is cooking.

With a theme of "We're Having Bushels of Fun," the event kicked off Wednesday and runs through Sunday at the fairgrounds, 74473 Highway 74, Heppner. Daily admission is \$4 for ages 8 and up (\$10 season pass) and free for ages 7 and under.

Fair secretary Ann Jones said Ray DeLoe of Heppner, a new fair board member, suggested having a chili cook-off. To show off culinary skills, participants must register Friday at 9 a.m. and be ready to begin cooking at 11 a.m. Sampling and judging will



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Janae Warren holds a La Mancha/Boar cross goat kid during the 2017 Morrow County Fair.

take place at 3 p.m. First through third place winners will be announced at 5:30 p.m.

Other new faces on the fair board include Jeromy Wilson of Heppner and

communities helps with planning a fair that appeals to the entire county.

In addition to bounce houses and face painting, the Kids Fun Zone will feature something new. People can play their favorite arcade games. Daily wristbands are \$10 or \$30 for the whole week.

Back for a second year is the greased pig contest (Friday, 6 p.m.). Rather than taking home the bacon, the winner will receive a \$50 cash prize.

"It was a lot of fun for the kids and the people watching," Jones said.

Another popular activity offers kids a chance to pedal away with prizes. The RDO Equipment Pedal Power Tractor Pull (Wednesday, 5 p.m.) is open to kids up to age 10.

Wednesday evening

(7-10 p.m.) features the Paradise Rose Chuckwagon Dinner. A meal with tri-tip or chicken costs \$15 for ages 14 and older or \$7.50 for the younger crowd. Entertainment features Trevor Tagle, who performs country and southern rock.

Thursday night's (6-10 p.m.) Murray's Beer & Wine Tasting includes live music with Joe Lindsay & Friends and Nate Botsford. Wine tasting starter packs are \$10, which include two drink tickets. The event, which encourages Hawaiian dress, includes hula hoop and limbo contests. The Heppner Chamber of Commerce will serve a chicken teriyaki dinner prepared by Alvin Liu. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids 11 and under.

Oregon Trail Pro Rodeo performances are Friday

and Saturday nights at 7 p.m. To watch kids attempt woolly rides on sheep, get there 30 minutes early for Mutton Busters. Rodeo tickets are \$10 for ages 13 and up and \$6 for ages 7-12. Everyone is invited to enjoy music after the rodeo in the Spur 'Em Barn with Dan Burns 3D Productions.

Bring a hearty appetite for the track and cross country team fundraising breakfast (Sunday, 6 a.m.), followed by the Morrow County Rodeo at 1:15 p.m., which features Morrow County residents and alumni.

For a full fair schedule, visit www.co.morrow.or.us/fair. For questions, call 541-676-9474. For rodeo information, call 541-989-8351, visit www.oregon-trailprodeco.com or search Facebook.

BRIEFS

Climb aboard for safety story time

A special Hermiston Public Library story time will take place on a bus.

With the start of school just around the corner, a pair of events will feature representatives from Mid-Columbia Bus Company, who will provide safety information. Kids will be invited to take a seat on a school bus, which will be at the library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. The special safety presentations and story times are offered Friday, Aug. 17 at 10:15 a.m. and Wednesday, Aug. 22 at 11:15 a.m.

For more information, contact 541-567-2882, library@hermiston.or.us or read the August edition of Library Adventures at www.hermistonlibrary.us.

Agape House hosts outdoor sale

Everything from clothing and knick-knacks to furniture and bicycles — and possibly even the kitchen sink — will be available for purchase during a parking lot sale at Agape House.

People are invited to find bargains and help support Eastern Oregon Mis-

sion programs and outreach. The event is Saturday from 8-11 a.m. at 500 Harper Road, Hermiston. You name the price for knick-knacks, clothing items are five for \$1, and furniture, kitchen cabinets and bicycles are as marked.

Eastern Oregon Mission is the parent organization of Agape House and Martha's House, which serve individuals and families in need. For more information, to volunteer or make donations, call 541-567-8774.

Open Air Market set for Saturday

Fresh fruits and vegetables as well as handcrafted items and home business products are featured at the Echo Open Air Market.

The event is Saturday from 4-7 p.m. at George Park, located at Bonanza and Dupont streets. There is no admission fee.

The market, which runs the third Saturday of each month through October, helps raise money for the Echo Historical Museum. For more information or to inquire about becoming a vendor, contact echoopenairmarket@gmail.com or search Facebook.

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