

CHUTE EIGHT

The nightly end of the Farm-City Pro Rodeo doesn't mean an end to the fun,

thanks to the Chute Eight on the south end of the rodeo grounds in Hermiston

As the competitive events end, rodeo patrons can head to Chute Eight for a night of music, dancing and mingling as the area becomes a vibrant rodeo nightclub. Dan Burns Productions will provide the entertainment and music for the events.

Night after night, the after

party heats up just as the rodeo does. With more and more people flocking to the dance floor, rodeo board member Dennis Barnett said that Friday and Saturday nights usually bring in about 500 people. He added that those nights the party goes until about 1 a.m.

Once just a beer garden that people went to for drinks following the rodeo, Barnett said it was a natural progres-



sion to bring in entertainment and DJs to turn it into a full-fledged event.

The Chute Eight events are complementary to the rodeo's events, which will also feature special nights and activities throughout the week. For example, Wednesday night

will be "Family Night," with face painting and bull riders made available to sign autographs for the kids, and Friday night is "Ladies Night," and will include wine tasting at the grounds.

Chute Eight Whiskey is named after the venue.

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