

Wrestling club raising funds by racing rodents

Written by Holyoke Enterprise

A true treat for participants of all ages, the Holyoke Wrestling Club's Fourth Annual Mouse Race will return to Phillips County Event Center Friday, July 19.

The night will kick off with a happy hour from 5-6 p.m. A hearty Cajun Boil dinner catered by Allen Strong (Nebrado) will be served between 6-6:15 p.m. with the excitement of the mouse race to follow. The commentary and race preparations will begin by 7:15 p.m. and the races are slated to start at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

Meal tickets, which must be pre-purchased, will cover a meal, beverages and the mouse race entrance fee. Tickets can be purchased individually or by tables of six, eight or 10. There will also be a beer garden at the event for those who are 21 and older.

Tickets can be purchased at Hometown Liquor or by contacting Brooke Dirks at 580-9190 or jbd@pctelcom.coop, Jack Garrison at 970-234-7002 or from a Holyoke Wrestling Club member.

Before the races, a bio of each mouse will be read. The mice will then be auctioned off and the winning bidders will name their new racers. If their mouse should win, they will receive their money back.

Paramutual betting is offered at the races for those who want to test their luck and guess which will be the first mouse to complete the wooden course.

During the night, a variety of items will be sold as part of the silent auction. A mossy oak obsession Ruger 10-22 rifle will also be raffled off during the event.

Major prizes that can be won at the races include an Ameristar Black Hawk get-away, a Microsoft surface computer and a Hitachi cordless impact wrench and driver drill combo kit. Door prizes and Dragon apparel will be given out at the races.

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All proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the Holyoke Wrestling Club. The club consists of wrestlers who range in age from 4-18.

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