

'Best of the West'

Harvest festival, quilt show this weekend in John Day

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JOHN DAY — Grant County will celebrate the harvest and all things quilting this weekend, Oct. 15 and 16.

The Best of the West Harvest Festival and Quilt Show will be held at the pavilion at the Grant County Fairgrounds, 411 NW Bridge St., John Day, on Friday from 3-7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The festival is the finale farmers market of the season.

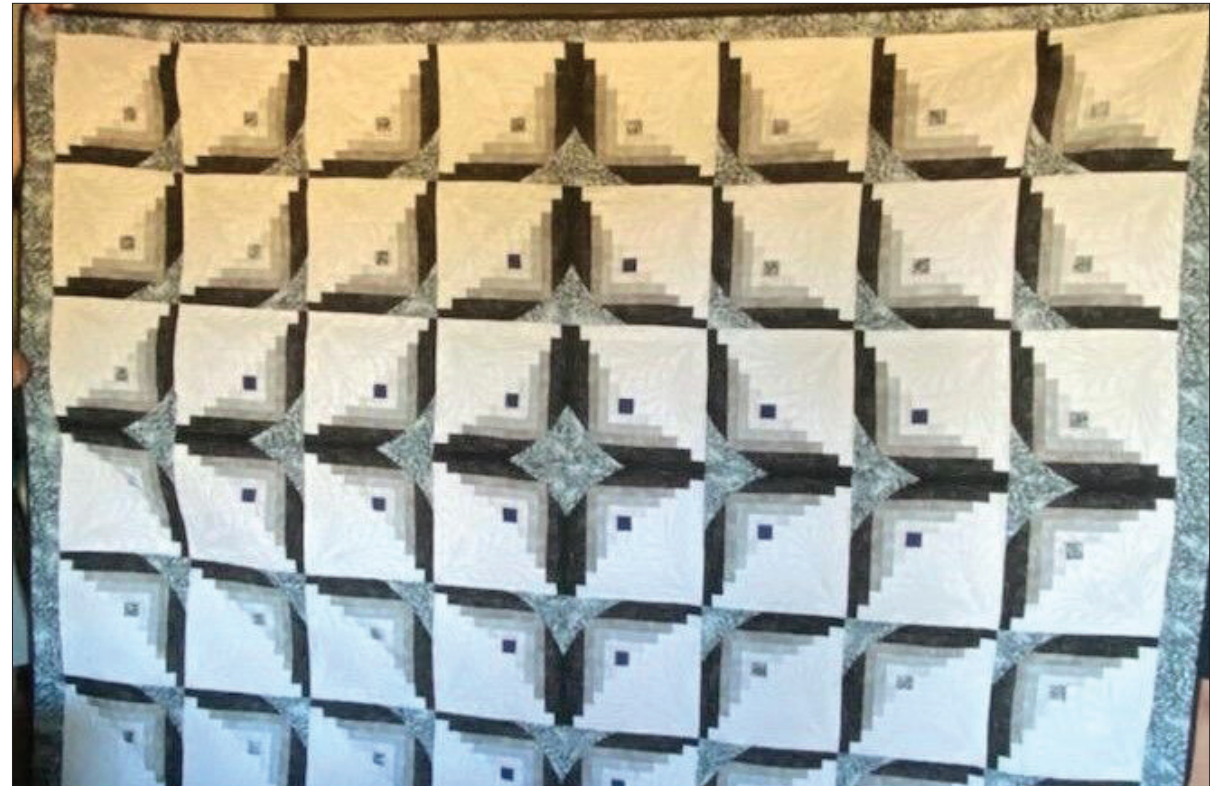
"There are all kinds of booths selling wares for the last time of the year," said Samni Bell, owner of BellyAcres Twisted Stitchery.

In addition to the market vendors, the Best of the West Harvest Festival will feature food trucks, music, games for the family, hay rides and a pie-eating contest.

QUILT SHOW

This is the third year the quilt show has been combined with the harvest festival. The events are sponsored by the Strawberry Mountain Quilt Guild, Oregon Rain, Grant County Greenhouses, BellyAcres Twisted Stitchery and the Grant County Chamber of Commerce.

Visitors to the quilt show will have a chance to vote on the winners for "Viewer's Choice" awards in several categories, and a "Beyond our Border" award for a quilt entered from outside Grant County. The show also features demonstrations and vendors from Mount Vernon, Prairie City and Burns.



Samni Bell/Contributed photo

This king-size quilt will be raffled during the Best of the West Harvest Festival and Quilt Show Oct. 15-16 in John Day.

"It's going to be a mecca of great deals for quilters," Bell said.

QUILT WALK

Although officially this weekend, one facet has been going on since July with the "Walk Through the Old West" barn quilt walk, which features more

than 30 stops across Grant County.

"Some people visit every single one — it's like a scavenger hunt," Bell said.

Participants who collect 15 stamps from participating businesses are entered into a drawing for prizes at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 16 — \$250 cash for first

place, \$100 gift certificate to Chester's Groceries for second place, or \$100 in Grant County Greenbacks for third place.

At the same time, winners will be drawn for raffle prizes of a 4-foot-square wooden barn quilt block and a king-size quilt. Raffle tickets will be sold at the quilt show.

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