

Fair time!

**Grant County Fair runs
Aug. 10-13 in John Day**

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JOHN DAY — The 113th Grant County Fair kicks off Wednesday, Aug. 10, and continues through Saturday, Aug. 13, at the fairgrounds in John Day, 411 NW Bridge St. The theme is "Stars, Stripes and Summer Nights."

Gates open at 8 a.m. daily. The pavilion is open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and 1-8 p.m. Saturday.

Mindy Winegar, fair manager, said this year features new food vendors, a magician and an acrobatic trampoline show.

And the family fun center will entertain fair-goers with a bouncy house, rock wall, obstacle course and more.

"Eight different activities," Winegar said.

Wednesday is a free day. After that, daily admission to the fair is \$6, \$3 seniors and youth ages 6-11, and free for 5 and younger. Or purchase a weekly pass for \$15. Purchase tickets online at grantcountyoregon.net/231/Fair.

Access to the family fun zone is \$10 for the week. Riding the mechanical bull is extra — \$3 for one ride or \$5 for two.

EXHIBITS

Animal exhibits have activities all week. Small animals show Wednesday, Aug. 10. Thursday is for the market



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Kanin Koppel takes a ride on the mechanical bull at the 2021 Grant County Fair.

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For a full fair schedule, grantcountyoregon.net.

competition, and Friday is showmanship with the Round Robin competition starting at 3:30 p.m. The livestock auction is Saturday at 4 p.m.

PARADES

The Kids Parade is set for 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 12. The Grant County Fair Parade starts at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 13.

ENTERTAINMENT

Each day features activities by Jukebox Express, the Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers and a balloon artist.

Magician Brian Ledbetter will be strolling around the fair throughout the week, but you can also catch him on the main stage at these times:

- 7 p.m. Wednesday
- 4 p.m. Thursday
- 3 p.m. Friday

Flippenout Production — an extreme trampoline show — can be seen several times throughout the fair:

- Thursday, Aug. 11: 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 12: 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 13: 2:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m.

Returning this year is the Hamsher Fighting Bulls on Saturday, Aug. 13, at 8 p.m. in the arena. Entry is \$10, which includes fair admission.

CONCERTS

Live music is planned throughout the week at center stage. All are included with fair admission except the Friday night concert featuring Jessie Leigh and Eddie Montgomery. Here are the details:

- The James Gang: 8 p.m. Wednesday
- Boondock Boys: 8:30 p.m. Thursday
- Jessie Leigh and Eddie Montgomery (of Montgomery Gentry): Gates open at 6 p.m. Friday. Leigh takes the stage at 7 p.m., followed by Montgomery at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35, or \$15 for ages 12 and younger. (Tickets at the gate are \$5 more.) For tickets, go to grantcountyoregon.net or call 541-575-1900. If you buy a concert ticket, fair admission is included.
- Kristi Kinsey and the Whiskey Bandits: 9:30 p.m. Saturday



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