

WHAT'S happening



There seems to be a formula to how the **Lane County Fair** selects its mainstage musical acts, and it goes something like this: Bread-basket Rock & Blues Band (this year: Chicago; last year: REO Speedwagon); Semi-Famous Country Star (this year: Jack Ingram; last year: Clay Walker); Satin Love Orchestra (past three

years); Heritage Acts (this year: Canned Heat; two years ago: Styx), etc. This year, the Fair adds Little Big Town (pictured) for some sophistication and dashing good looks, and revives its Fiesta Sunday, a day celebrating Latino culture in music, food and activities. Earn free admission to the Fair on Friday and Saturday with

concert tickets for Little Big Town and Chicago purchased prior to day of show (all other main stage concerts are free with Fair admission). While the music is a huge draw at the Fair, which runs Aug. 12 through 17 at the Lane County Fairgrounds, there's enough variety to please pretty much anyone, with pig

rides, magicians, jugglers, thrill rides (including the Sling Shot) and the "World Famous" Lipizzaner Stallions horse ballet. Now, how often do you get the chance to see pigs race, horses dance and people fly like Superman in Eugene? But once a year at the Fair, of course. See www.atthefair.com and Tuesday Calendar.



Oh, Bradley Nowell, look what you gone and did! You gone and started a band called Sublime that – 10 years ago – put out some of the best ska-punk stoner reggae this side of Jamaica, then you gone and died. Now look what you gone and birthed from your SoCal loins: **Slightly Stoopid**, a band *by and for* the dazed and confused. On Stoopid's new album, *Slightly Not Stoned Enough to Eat Breakfast Yet Stoopid*, the band takes on the Grateful Dead ("Know You Rider"), Sublime ("False Anythms") and crappy Fred Meyer Muzak ("On and On"). But we get the feeling Stoopid's albums hardly capture the mellow buzz of seeing them in concert, so we'll hold off on further judgments 'til we check out the scene of the Cuthbert Amphitheater. "You can party every day of the week," says Miles Doughty, "but getting those jams together is where it's going to be insane!" Openers **Pepper** and **Sly & Robbie** offer up similar permasmiles. Duuuuuude, see Friday Calendar.

Wasn't PRIDE month in June? Oh wait, we say that every year when it's time to highlight the **Eugene/Springfield PRIDE** in the calendar. After 17 years, we think we'd get used to the idea of having a PRIDE in August, but it still baffles us. No matter! This year's festival is expected to be the "largest PRIDE celebration yet" in Alton Baker Park, according to organizers. And why not? The weekend weather has been consistently warm, more than 50 organizations and businesses are lined up for your perusal at the Pride Expo, Club Snafu once again "mans" the beer garden and, new this year, teams of four will compete in "Pride Games" such as the 5-Legged Race, Water Bottle Relay and Beach Ball Ballyhoo – all for \$5 suggested donation. Register your team in advance at www.queereugene.com/games and be sure to check out main stage acts like Sistas in the Pit (pictured), Joshua Klipp, Nicole Sangsuree and Richard Mills. After-PRIDE dances take place at Amazon Center (under 21) and John Henry's (21+). See Saturday Calendar.

