

Marion County Fair announces headliners for 2022

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The 2022 Marion County Fair will feature a hip-hop and country lineup on the main stage as the event returns to the state fairgrounds July 8-10.

Headlining the fair will be Breland, a New Jersey-born hip-hop and country fusion artist best known for his breakout single *My Truck*. Fair organizers announced the lineup Wednesday evening.

The mainstage on July 9 will feature Aaron Watson, a country artist with more than a dozen self-released albums.

Those looking to get their ticket early to the Marion County Fair can

now get them online before prices increase closer to the event. Tickets are \$5 for people six and older. Admission is free for children five and under any day, and for children 12 and under on Sunday, July 10.

The fair will feature live music, rides, contests and food, as well as a “full barn” with goats, pigs and cows.

“Our county 4-H and FFA kids have been working hard and are ready to show off for you,” organizers said in an email.

The fair will take place at the Oregon State Fairgrounds, 2330 17th St N.E.

Organizers said the fair may be limited on number of attendees, and COVID restrictions may apply.

Prayer breakfast with mayor, May 5

The 2022 Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast, sponsored by Select Impressions will be held on Thursday, May 5, at the Keizer Civic Center. The event is non-denominational and open to the public.

The program will include prayers for the world, America, Oregon, Keizer, volunteers, local and national governments, first responders,

public safety and the military. There will also be prayer for schools, workforce and business and youth and families within our city.

The breakfast, provided by Elegant Catering is \$9 per person. Advanced registration is required.

Register at keizerchamber.com.

Salem dog shelter offering adoptions at reduced fees May 2-8

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Marion County residents next month can adopt a dog for \$25 or less as animal shelters in Oregon and across the U.S. face overcrowding.

Adoption fees at Marion County Dog Services, the county-run dog shelter, will be reduced May 2-8 through the national “Empty the Shelters” event, sponsored by the BISSELL Pet Foundation.

The Salem shelter currently lists dogs available for adoption as ranging from \$125 to \$350. It’s located at 3550 Aumsville Hwy S.E.

“Shelters across the country are over

capacity, and highly adoptable pets are at risk as we face one of the largest crises in recent years,” said Cathy Bissell, founder of BISSELL Pet Foundation, in a press release. “BISSELL Pet Foundation is calling on people to visit their community shelters during ‘Empty the Shelters’ to save a life through adoption. Without you, there is no tomorrow for these deserving pets.”

More than 275 shelters in 45 states are participating in the event, which has helped more than 83,000 pets get adopted from shelters nationwide, according to the press release.

Sheep to Shawl event slated for WHC in May

The 36th Sheep to Shawl Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, at Willamette Heritage Center in Salem.

The popular event will be a full day of events, including the opportunity for the public to experience the full journey of wool fiber processing from the shearing of animals—sheep, alpacas, llamas and rabbit—to the

production of lace at the hands of expert fiber artists. Weaving, spinning, knitting, and rug-hooking are on display, as are blacksmith demonstrations in the Center’s operating forge.

Sheep to Shawl will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. To learn more visit willametteheritage.org.

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